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IMPERIAL TROOPS ENTER DERRA, MERDJAYHOUN AND TYRE: REPORTS ON THE SYRIAN SITUATION STILL SOMEWHAT VAGUE

Only News Of Fighting From Sources In Vichy

INFORMATION REACHING LONDON ON THE SITUATION IN SYRIA IS STILL SOMEWHAT VAGUE, BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT IMPERIAL AND FREE FRENCH TROOPS HAVE ENTERED DERRA, MERDJAYHOUN AND TYRE, ON THE COAST.

There is little doubt that the Allied forces are meeting with some opposition although the only news of the fighting is still from Vichy sources, says Reuter.

THE STRENGTH OF THIS OPPOSITION IS NOT KNOWN.

Derra is a small town just over the Syrian-Transjordan border and Merdjayhoun is a village of the slopes of Mount Hermon, some 30 to 40 miles south-east of Damascus.

FROM A FRENCH SOURCE, IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THE ALLIED FORCES ARE ADVANCING IN FOUR DIRECTIONS—ALONG THE COAST, TOWARDS RAYAK DUE EAST OF BEIRUT, FROM AMMAN AND ALONG THE EUPHRATES FROM IRAQ.

New G.O.C. In Egypt

Lient-Gen.
Marshall Cornwall
Appointed

LT-GEN. SIR JAMES MARSHALL-CORNWALL, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., has been appointed General Officer Commanding the British troops in Egypt. He is 54 and known Egypt well. He is also regarded as the best linguist in the Army.

His appointment as G.O.C.-in-Chief was notified last week but nothing was known of the area he was to take over.

Sir James has spent much time at General Headquarters in Cairo and represented the Middle East Command in the recent Staff talks with Turkey.

A gunner, Sir James had a distinguished record as an intelligence officer in the last war. He also served with the Shanghai Defence Force.

The new command is a component part of General Sir Archibald Wavell's command covering the whole of the Middle East.

TWO FURTHER BISMARCK SUPPLY SHIPS SUNK: OCEAN-WIDE SEARCH PROVES SUCCESSFUL

Germans Attack Convoy Off Greenland

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—Announcing the sinking of two further supply ships, an Admiralty communique says:

"As soon as it was known that the BISMARCK and PRINCE EUGEN were endeavouring to break out into the Atlantic, it was assumed that their object was an attack upon our trade.

"Such an attack could not be maintained for any considerable time unless replenishments of fuel were available by supply ships.

"Consequently, an ocean-wide search by all available cruisers and aircraft-carriers was organised to cover those areas in which these ships were likely to operate and these operations have been successful.

"In addition to three supply ships and an armed trawler announced on June 6 as having been sunk, two more enemy supply ships have been intercepted and sunk.

"The operation of rounding up supply ships is continuing."

CREW PICKED UP
NEW YORK, June 9 (Reuter)—

Alexandria Is Calm

Government Encourages People To Evacuate

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuter)—ALEXANDRIA had a quiet night but the mass voluntary evacuation of the city continues.

One Arab newspaper estimates that 40,000 left yesterday. Numerous special trains were run yesterday free to anyone but today the evacuation is being organised and the Government is encouraging the people to go to the provinces or Cairo, providing free trains for the poorer classes.

Despite the severity of the raid, the inhabitants remain calm. The mournful sound is the shrill wailing of women mourning the dead. Rescue work continues and all public services are functioning.

The authorities consider that certain quarters should be completely evacuated owing to the danger of collapse.

A credit of £300,000 has been voted for relief work in Alexandria.

Opportunity For French To Give Expression To Growing Hatred Of Nazis

"It is reasonable to expect some sort of counter-attack but we have got in the first move, political and military. Let us hope that there will not be serious fighting between Frenchmen and Frenchmen or between Frenchmen and Englishmen. Let us rather hope that it will prove an opportunity for growing French hatred of German domination to express itself," commented MAJOR ALLEN MURRAY when he broadcast from London last night on the situation in Syria.

Maj. Murray said that a large part of the French people would welcome the move into Syria by Free French and Allied forces as the first sign of their coming deliverance.

Admiral, or should he say Herr, Darlan was handing over France

to Germany and, therefore, the British Government's warning to Vichy had to be made good.

The Syrians themselves may take exception to the words French sovereignty used by Vichy because of a treaty in 1936 Syria was given independence and that treaty had not even yet been ratified.

DIFFICULT DECISION

The decision which General Wavell took was a difficult one but it was encouraging to realise that in spite of all other calls in the Middle East, he judged himself strong enough to make the advance into Syria.

Any reports from Vichy of heavy fighting had to be taken with reserve until confirmation one way or the other came through.

The action taken by the British was the only course open to them.

At the moment when we crossed the Syrian frontier several excellently worded proclamations were issued by Generals Catroux and de Gaulle. General Wavell and Sir Miles Lampson, British Ambassador to Egypt.

WEYGAND AND REPORTS OF VARIANCE

Reports suggesting that General Weygand is at variance with his colleagues should be treated with great reserve, says Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

On his past record, Gen. Weygand must be regarded with the same suspicion as other members of the Vichy Government and there is no information reaching London to show that he is any more pro-British than his colleagues.

It would appear as if the reports, emanating from Berne, which suggest a possible secession of North Africa, are Vichy-inspired.

It is fully realised in London that cargoes going to North Africa are just as likely to fall into German hands as those going to France direct.

The arrival of French officers at Gibraltar to see the Governor, General Lord Gort and the rumour that one of them was no less a personage than Weygand himself, is a typical Vichy report put out to suit the Government's own ends.

IRAQ-ITALY RELATIONS SEVERED

VICHY, June 9 (Reuter)—Dispatches from Baghdad state that IRAQ has broken off diplomatic relations with ITALY. Italians have been ordered to leave Iraq within 24 hours.

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This may be a "balloon desai."

No information is available in London of any Allied landing on the Syrian coast from the sea, as also reported by Vichy, which states that prisoners were taken.

Commenting on the French and German statement that the Germans have left Syria, authoritative quarters in London point out that the Nazis entered Iraq to "set it alight."

They did so but when they found it not a "very good blaze," they left the burden to the Iraqi rebels.

It is known that the Germans entered Syria and, if it is true they have now left, it would not seem that they were very good "friends" to have.

In LIBYA, there has been aerial activity around Tobruk and artillery activity in the Sollum area, but otherwise there is nothing to report.

The German Radio commentator, broadcasting a Deutschland-sender review of the political situation, said that the Germans felt themselves "non-participating observers" in the Syrian situation.

There are about 45,000 Vichy troops in Syria and the Lebanon, of which from one-quarter to one-third are European.

There are also a number of tanks.

ADVANCE CONTINUING

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuter)—It is learned unofficially that the Allied advance in Syria northwards from Derra and Tyre is continuing.

French officials in country already occupied are co-operating with the Allies.

The Free French Radio in Levant reports that 140 German paratroopers, including a colonel, were captured in Syria.

The speaker added that local populations are enthusiastically welcoming the allies in Syria in the area already occupied, while French troops in these areas were falling back into line ready to fight alongside the British and Free French.

LARGE SCALE ATTACK

"The British and Free French invasion of Syria and Lebanon is developing into a large scale threatened attack from British controlled territories, Palestine, Transjordan and Iraq," reported the correspondent of The National Broadcasting Corporation, Mr. Martin Agronsky, from the Ankara radio early on Monday.

He cited reports that the British Mediterranean Fleet is cruising within gunshot range of Syrian ports.

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Over 17,000 Men Were Taken Off Crete During Hazardous Evacuation

"WHEN THE OPERATION WAS COMPLETED, JUST OVER 17,000 MEN WERE TAKEN OFF THE ISLAND," states an Admiralty communique issued yesterday announcing further losses of ships in the hazardous but gallant evacuation from Crete.

The following ships were lost during the withdrawal of our land forces from Crete:

Anti-aircraft cruiser CALCUTTA;

Destroyers HAREWOOD and IMPERIAL.

The Harewood was last seen heading towards the coast. An Italian High Command communique stated that 229 survivors had been landed and were now prisoners of war.

The Imperial had to be sunk by our forces after being damaged by enemy air attack.

The communique points out that immense difficulties confronted our ships in finding and taking off the

ME. 109F'S ROUGHLY HANDLED

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—Several formations of Messerschmitt 109F fighters—Germany's latest fighter—and intended to be a reply to the Spitfire and Hurricane—made sweeps over the south-east coast today, but met rough handling from British fighters.

A Spitfire tackled three of the raiders and shot down two. The third sped away.

The German aircraft were machine-gunning the cliff tops from a low altitude when a Spitfire roared out of low clouds.

Watchers on the cliffs saw flashes and puffs of smoke from the Spitfire's wings as it swooped on the raiders.

(Two German machines spun over and crashed into the sea.

INDIAN P.C. WOUNDED

An Indian police constable lies seriously wounded in Kowloon Hospital as the result of a chopper attack in an Indian mess in Reclamation Street, Mongkok district, about midnight on Sunday.

The alleged assailant, another Indian constable, is to appear in Police Court this morning.

Chief Det.-Insp. A. E. Carey is in charge of the case.

NEW DEVICE FOR COMBATting SUBMARINES

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—MR. CHARLES KETTERING, Research Director of General Motors, last night announced a new device for combatting submarines.

This device is apparently specially designed for the problem of locating submarines on the surface at night.

Mr. Kettering also said that the submarines the United States Navy was now receiving were faster and better than any others in the world.

"Bombers Cannot Be Made With Bayonets"

LOS ANGELES, June 9 (Reuter)—Elmer Freitag, leader of the strikers at the North American Aviation Company, sent a telegram to President Roosevelt's secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, following the announcement that troops were being sent. "Armed forces will not break our spirits. Bombers cannot be made with bayonets."

U.S. ARMY TO TAKE OVER FACTORY

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT yesterday ordered the Army to take over the North American Aviation Factory where the workers are on strike.

In a final appeal to striking defence workers, Miss Perkins, United States Secretary for Labour, says that millions of Americans expect the strikers to put the needs of the country before their own, states Reuter.

Men of Allied nationality, between 16 and 65, are to register in Britain throughout this week. Women of Allied nationality, between the ages of 16 and 50, will register next week.

It is noted, however, that of the 11,000 strikers, only 3,000 attended a meeting at which the continuation of the strike was decided on.

Freitag admitted before the Dies Committee in Washington that he registered as a Communist in 1938, but denies that he is a Communist now.

The aviation company involved holds contracts valued at \$100,000,000 for warplanes for Britain and the United States.

The gates of the North American Aviation Company factory were opened by the management at 6.30 a.m. local time.

A few workers began to alter in although the strikers' leader had said that they would continue to picket the plant, and the official company reported: "Fighting has started at the front gates and we need more police protection."

Today's News Summary

LATEST INFORMATION RECEIVED in London of the progress of the united British Imperial and Free French troops in Syria shows that Tyre, on the coast, Derra, on the Transjordan border and Merdjayhoun, on the Palestine border, have been entered. There seems little doubt that the French have met one or two of the columns and are trying to find out the nature of the Allies advance plans.

REPORTS, ORIGINATING FOR THE most part from Berne, suggesting that General Weygand has now resolved to oppose the Vichy Government in its design to further collaboration between France and Germany in North Africa, find no confirmation in London and are treated with great reserve as there is no evidence that Weygand is any more pro-British than his colleagues.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS taken a hand in the strike at the North American Aircraft Factory and has sent the Army to take over the premises where the men are still on strike. The U.S. Secretary for Labour had made a last-minute appeal.

DORTMUND WAS AMONG THE targets in Western Germany raided by the R.A.F. on Sunday night.

TWO MORE SUPPLY SHIPS that were serving the battleship Bismarck in the Atlantic have been intercepted and sunk.

KOWLOON BOWLING G. C. "A" GETS RUDE SHOCK AT HANDS OF CRAIGENGOWER C. C.

K.C.C. SCORE FIRST VICTORY AT EXPENSE OF RECREIO "B": TOMMY MADAR HERO OF MARCH BY "L. G."

There is now only one team in the League which can boast of a 100 per cent. record—Kowloon Tong in the Second Division. The Kowloon Football Club, in the same Division, who previous to last Saturday had also been unbeaten, surprisingly lost to Recreio although they were playing at home.

There were several other surprising results in the matches decided on Saturday, chief of which was the home defeat of the fairly powerful Recreio "B" at the hands of Kowloon C.C. in the First Division. This was the Kowloon Cricketers' first win of the season. After defeating the Champions, Recreio "A", the previous Saturday, Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" were expected to chalk up another win at home, this time at the expense of Craigenower, but the tables were turned on them. In the Third Division, Kowloon Football Club unexpectedly lost to rivals, Kowloon Tong, in a sound season was established by C. Wallis' K.B.C.C. rink (J. Dimen, A. Bower and G. Thompson) when they scored 40 shots against J. F. Lunny's rink in a Third Division match. This is two shots better than the mark set up by J. F. Lunny's (H.K. Electric) rink on May 24. Wallis also scored a "possible."

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POINTS FOR CHAMPIONS—The Champions, Recreio "A", last week very nearly secured maximum points against Kowloon Bowling Green "B" in an away match. They won two points on the aggregate and another two and a half points for their win on two rinks and tie on the third. Carlos Silva and R.F. Luz won for them; the former beating L. Guy by nine shots and the latter having the better of Joe Meyer nine-teen shots. F. K. "Spuggy" Silva tied with Bob Duncan at 25 all.

It is interesting to note that Luz, in his game against McVey, scored on no fewer than sixteen of the twenty one heads for his 30 shots.

Fresh from their victory over the Champions, Kowloon Bowling Green "A" were expected to win against Craigenower but they failed by the narrow margin of five shots. Both U. M. Omar and B. W. Bradbury proved too good for them. The former beat J. McKelvie by eight shots and the latter had a five shot edge over Adam Holland. For the homesters only A. J. Hall was successful. He beat Charlie Rossette by eight shots.

A very close game was seen at King's Park where Recreio "B" entertained Kowloon C.C. and unexpectedly lost by five shots though they were actually up on two rinks.

Tommy Madar was the K.C.C. hero. It was entirely due to him that the Kowloon Cricketers won. His two follow skips, J. Fraser and Teddy Fincher having lost all round to L. J. Silva and Tony Gutierrez respectively by eight shots, it was left to him to pull the game out of the fire for the K.C.C. C. which he did by his 13 shot win over J. Basto. This gave the K.C.C. a win by five shots. Incidentally, this was the Cricketers' first win of the season.

The Indian R.C. made a clean sweep in their match against the Civil Servants at Sookunpoo. They were leading by 30 shots at the tea interval, but when the game was resumed they fell away slightly to enable their opponents to creep up on them to some extent. They eventually won by nineteen shots.

When tea was taken, Abe Abbas was leading, Charlie Strange by 21-9, but at the end of the game Strange was only four shots behind Abbas. Strange scored a six on the 17th head.

K.T.G.C.A. WINS AGAIN—The only hundred per cent. left in the League, Kowloon Tong, made sure of the Second Division leadership by beating Hongkong F.C. fairly easily by nineteen shots in an away match.

W. J. Howard who last week scored the first "possible" of the season was the only Kowloon Tong skip to suffer defeat. He was beaten by W. Gill by three shots in a ding dong struggle.

A. J. Kew continued in winning vein, his win over Arnold Brooks-bank last Saturday being his fifth straight win in as many matches. He won by eleven shots. J. L. Stephens also won by the same margin.

Kowloon Football Club lost their 100 per cent. record when they were unexpectedly beaten at home by Recreio by seventeen shots. Their defeat has also placed their

HANDICAP WEIGHTS FOR MACAO RACE MEET

The following are the handicap weights for the June Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club to be held at Areia Preta Course, Macao, on June 15.

Race 1—"The Canberra Handicap"
Six Furlongs—"B" C. D.
Australian Ponies

A Good Time 135, Angel of Glory 152, Annabella 153, Cockle 147, Double Finesse 153, Joan 159, National Victory 135, Tobacco 141, Odin 132, Ozark 142, Winnie 145.

Race 2—"The Hobart Handicap"
Six Furlongs—Novice Jockeys
Australian "E" Class

Beauford 135, Blue Gown 139, Boneshaker 142, Buckstaleigh 142, Dick Turpin 142, Hiss 137, Rising Star 149, Subpoena 142.

Race 3—"The Lappa Handicap"
Six Furlongs—China Ponies
"C" Class

Blue Diamond 140, Blue Field 152, Galveston Bay 147, Jennifer 138, Lancashire Lass 145, Night Express 140, Odeon 152, Oscar Zylch 142, Smashing Through 147.

Race 4—"The Makok Handicap"
(First Section)—Six Furlongs
China Ponies "E" Class

Black Diamond 135, Geordie 140, King's Worthy 159, Mac's Adventure 140, National Success 152, Piet Hein 159, Radium Star 143, Sports Venture 135.

Race 5—"The Stewards' Cup"
Six Furlongs—China Ponies
"D" Class

Boat Bay 140, Eve of Hunting 153, Golden Cow 146, Guinness Time 142, Lovely Star 150, Portrush 146, Royal Highness 135, Sunlight View 135, West Lake 149.

Race 6—"The Makok Handicap"
(Second Section)—Novice Jockeys

Eagle 147, Hopeful Time 152, National Anthem 146, National Liberty 159, New Bedford 159, The Mermaid 149, The Spirit of St. Louis 148, Victory Life 135.

TENNIS LEAGUE

South China Beat University

South China Athletic Association beat Hongkong University Tennis Club by six sets to three in an "A" Division Tennis League match played at Pokfulam yesterday.

Szebo Bick and K. F. Liu (S.C.A.A.) beat S. H. Ling and Dr. A. L. Tsai 6-4; beat T. T. Lim and Dr. S. Wong 5-1; lost to H. P. Ong and G. Choa 1-6.

F. N. Wong and Lam Kwan (S.C.A.A.) beat Ling and Tsai 8-0; beat Lim and Wong 6-4; lost to Ong and Choa 4-6.

J. Hsu and A. Chan (S.C.A.A.) beat Ling and Tsai 6-3; lost to Lim and Wong 2-6; beat Ong and Choa 6-2.

PRISON OFFICERS v. Hongkong F.C.

THIRD DIVISION
CRAIGENGOWER v. Police R.C.
KOWLOON B.G.C. v. Hongkong C.C.

KOWLOON F.C. v. H.K. Electric
INDIAN R.C. v. Recreio

VALLEY SUMMER SINGLES GOLF

Following were the results of the Second Round of the Happy Valley Summer Singles competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club:—

H. H. Mundy (8) beat T. G. Burdall (18).

J. J. Van Mullen (15) beat J. Linaker (12) 5/4.

M. A. Cairns (18) beat A. H. Penn (12) 2 and 1 2/1.

G. E. Willerton (12) beat G. W. Reeve (11) 2 up.

A. V. Graves (11) beat W. V. Allen (9) 2/1.

W. J. Bullen (11) beat J. Young (18) 3/2.

A. L. Powell (18) beat G. Greenwood (18) 2 and 1.

H. Smith (8) beat L. Jackson (11) 4/3.

CAPTAIN'S CUP
In the June qualifying competition for the Captain's Cup, on the Fanning Old Course, A. W. Bourne 93-9-74 and P. Annis 92-18-74 tied. There were 18 entries.

NEW POLE-VAULT RECORD

COMPTON (California), June 9 (Reuter).—Cornelius Warmerdam attained a new world pole-vault record of 15 ft. 51 ins.

Since April, 1940, when he was the first man to clear 15 ft., Warmerdam several times exceeded that height.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY
LAWN BOWLS.—Colony Open Pairs Championship, First Round

TENNIS.—Second Division: C.R.C. v. C.A.C.C., A.T.C. v. K.T.G. C.A. K.C.C. v. S.C.A.A.

WATER-POLO.—Middlesex "A" v. Royal Navy "C" (Army pool), 7 p.m., Royal Scots "A" v. Navy "B" (Army pool), 7.30 p.m., Middlesex "B" v. 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. (Y.M.C.A. pool), 8.30 p.m., Small Units v. European Y.M.C.A. (Y.M.C.A. pool), 7 p.m., Royal Scots "B" v. Royal Corps of Signals (Navy pool), 8.15 p.m.

TOMORROW
MEETING.—Council, of the Hongkong Football Association, at the Association's Office, 5.30 p.m.

TENNIS.—Third Division: C.R.C. (2) v. C.D.R., K.C.C. v. A.T.C., S.C.A.A. v. C.C.C., K.I.T.C. v. C.R.C. (1), I.R.C. v. H.K.U.T.C.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12
TENNIS.—Fourth Division: S.C. A.A. v. A.T.C., F.C. v. P.O.R.C. (1), C.C.C. v. C.B.A., F.O.R.C. (2) v. I.R.C., C.R.C. v. K.I.T.C.

WATER-POLO.—Royal Corps of Signals v. 38th Bty. R.A. (Navy pool), 8.15 p.m., Royal Navy "C" v. Combined Small Units (Navy pool), 5.30 p.m., Royal Scots "B" v. 3th Coastal Regt. R.A. (Army pool), 7 p.m., Royal Scots "A" v. 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. (Army pool), 7.30 p.m., 88th Bty. R.A. v. European Y.M.C.A. (Y.M.C.A. pool), 7 p.m., Middlesex "A" v. Royal Navy "B" (Y.M.C.A. pool), 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 13
LAWN BOWLS.—Colony Open Pairs Championship, First Round.

PERRY, BUDGE AID WAR RELIEF

FOREST HILLS, June 9 (Reuter).—Fred Perry, recent winner of America's Professional Championship, won the "round robin" tournament in aid of British war relief here being unbeaten in a series of games. Perry and Budge were unbeaten in the doubles.

Tilden also took part. Sir Gerald Campbell was the guest of honour and thanked the United States players and club for their help.

S.C.A.A. TOURISTS WIN AGAIN

The South China Athletic Association touring team scored another victory in the current tour of Malaya when they beat a combined Malayan and Chinese team at Ipoh at three goals to nil.

Scorers for the winners were Lee Wal-tong and Lee Tak-kee (2).

BELGIAN PREMIER TELLS HOW THE WORLD'S LARGEST FORT FELL

In the darkness and confusion of the Nazi invasion of Belgium and France in May 1940 some of the most astonishing stories of the war went unchronicled.

Among them was that of the capture of the Belgian fortress of Eben-Emael. It has just been related to me by the Belgian Prime Minister, M. Hubert Pierlot, writes Mr. George Slocombe in the Sunday Express.

The fort of Eben-Emael, just north of Liege, was the largest in the world. It had been built after the Marston Line, and its designers had probably incorporated in it all the latest available ideas of fortress construction.

ENORMOUS COST
Its cost was enormous. Thousands of workmen were engaged on it—some of them, it has since been rumoured, came from Germany. At all events, in spite of the precautions taken to prevent the secrets of the fortress from becoming known to the potential enemy, subsequent history showed that the Germans were familiar with the construction of the fort.

A few hours after the invasion began the Germans attacked Eben-Emael. They attacked it in the one manner which had not been foreseen, or had not been thought practicable by the Belgian military engineers. They landed scores of parachutists on the roof of the fort.

NO ORDINARY ROOF
Now this roof was no ordinary roof. It covered a land surface of forty hectares—about 100 acres. When it was reported to the Belgian High Command, M. Pierlot told me, that German troops had landed on the fortress, batteries in the vicinity were ordered to turn their guns on the invaders. But by the use of smoke clouds the Germans evaded observation. And soon they had actually disappeared into the bowels of the fort.

After attacking the gun crews in the casemates, with tear gas and hand grenades the Germans actually climbed down the long vertical shafts or chimneys which led from the gun casemates to the central munition magazine of the fort. They seized this magazine, and thus effectively put the gun out of action.

When the commandant of the fortress telephoned to the High Command to report this astonishing situation, he was instructed to blow up the magazine. This was done, and all the Germans were killed. But the explosion wrecked the entire central structure of the fort, and thus left it without any defences except the automatic arms in the pill-boxes on its periphery.

FANATICAL COURAGE AND CUNNING
The moral of this amazing incident is that no defensive positions, however powerful, are entirely proof against surprise, fanatical courage, cunning and ingenuity, and the story should not be lost on those responsible for our anti-invasion defences.

M. Pierlot is fifty-seven years old. He fought in the last war in the Belgian infantry as a volunteer. It was his voice which announced to the Belgian nation—and severely condemned—the capitulation of the Belgian sovereign. He arrived in London at the end of October. He left unoccupied France two months earlier, with the Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Henri Spaak, but their journey was interrupted by the Spanish authorities.

DETAINED IN SPAIN
"We were detained for two months in Spain," said M. Pierlot, "in conditions for which no justification can be found in international law. But in spite of the close surveillance under which we were guarded, we managed to organise our escape."

M. Pierlot is the head of the second Belgian Government to function outside its native territory in a single generation. "This Government is the only legal Government of Belgium," he told me. "Its existence and its functions have never been suspended. We have never even contemplated the renunciation of our legal powers, by which the permanency of the Belgian State is assured."

TWO GREAT REVERSES
In the first phase of the struggle we experienced two great reverses. The first was the capitulation of the Belgian Army, which, after valiantly defending the national soil, foot by foot, found itself surrounded, and was

BRITAIN'S 700,000 AIR CADETS

LONDON.—Britain's latest organisation for supplying women for a huge air fleet—the Air Training Corps—has started work. Already, hundreds of local authorities have declared their intention of forming units.

In addition to the 200 Air Defence Cadet Corps which have applied for inclusion in the new Corps, thirty new squadrons have been registered. Many more are on the point of applying for registration.

In Greater London, at least twenty squadrons are in the course of being formed.

Some of the most heavily blitzed cities are among the most enthusiastic supporters of the scheme for training thousands of youths as pilots, crews and ground staff men.

Coventry is to have four squadrons. Schools are making a hearty response too, and at least 187 have stated they will form squadrons.

Boy Scouts are forming their own units for boys under sixteen, who are not covered by the Air Ministry scheme.

Actual instruction for the new cadets has started.

The Air Ministry hopes that eventually the new scheme will provide the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm with 700,000 airmen.

PENANG T. CLUB PAYS \$80,525 IN TAXES

That the club had paid \$80,525 as tax in the first half of the year against \$43,872 in the previous corresponding half year and a further sum of \$3,452 in way of entertainment duty was pointed out by Mr. C. D. D. Hogan, president of the Penang Turf Club at the half yearly general meeting of the club.

The club has made a profit of \$35,618 against \$43,553 for the previous half year.

The sum of \$15,000 was donated to the War Fund and membership has increased by 1,144.

employed in British munition factories.

INTERESTING FACT
M. Pierlot revealed the interesting fact that a Belgian detachment—the first of many—has been sent from the Belgian Congo to fight with the South African forces in Kenya.

Incidentally, the Belgian Prime Minister is the first of the Allied statesmen to announce his war aims.

"Shall I tell you what they are?" he asked. "The answer is simple:—

"The liberation of Belgium from the enemy, the release of her sovereignty, the restoration of our free institutions. In one word, the conquest of a durable peace, more assured than that of yesterday; a peace which will guarantee our children a long era of freedom, work and security."



M. PIERLOT

forced by sheer weight of numbers to lay down its arms. The second was the French armistice, which rendered vain our hopes of reorganising the remainder of the Belgian Army on French territory. "Belgium is still at war with Germany."

The capitulation of the Belgian Army in Flanders only affected the forces surrounded by the Germans. It is true that at their head as Commander-in-Chief was the sovereign. But since his surrender the king, as a prisoner of war, has abstained from any act of a political character. He has refused to compromise the principle of Belgian independence by exercising his royal functions in the presence and under the surveillance of the invader.

KING LEOPOLD'S ACTION.
Historians will judge King Leopold's action more dispassionately than is possible now. But already it is clear that whatever their private verdict on the capitulation of the young king, many prominent Belgians have nothing but praise for his demeanour since he has been confined to his palace at Laeken as a prisoner of war.

"The king's attitude of protest," said M. Pierlot, "has been confirmed and ratified by the entire nation. Belgium is temporarily conquered, but she has not and will not submit to the will of the conqueror, and her spirit of resistance is as strong as in 1914."

"We remain at war with Germany, at the side of Great Britain and her Empire, and the Governments of those countries which, like ours, have been occupied by the Germans. Our army is not yet anything more than a nucleus, but it is full of ardour. Our airmen are flying with yours, and shortly will be organised as a distinct unit, with the national colours. Our merchant marine carries troops and supplies for the Allied cause, and our workmen are freedom, work and security."

FANATICAL COURAGE AND CUNNING

The moral of this amazing incident is that no defensive positions, however powerful, are entirely proof against surprise, fanatical courage, cunning and ingenuity, and the story should not be lost on those responsible for our anti-invasion defences.

M. Pierlot is fifty-seven years old. He fought in the last war in the Belgian infantry as a volunteer. It was his voice which announced to the Belgian nation—and severely condemned—the capitulation of the Belgian sovereign. He arrived in London at the end of October. He left unoccupied France two months earlier, with the Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Henri Spaak, but their journey was interrupted by the Spanish authorities.

DETAINED IN SPAIN

"We were detained for two months in Spain," said M. Pierlot, "in conditions for which no justification can be found in international law. But in spite of the close surveillance under which we were guarded, we managed to organise our escape."

M. Pierlot is the head of the second Belgian Government to function outside its native territory in a single generation. "This Government is the only legal Government of Belgium," he told me. "Its existence and its functions have never been suspended. We have never even contemplated the renunciation of our legal powers, by which the permanency of the Belgian State is assured."

TWO GREAT REVERSES

In the first phase of the struggle we experienced two great reverses. The first was the capitulation of the Belgian Army, which, after valiantly defending the national soil, foot by foot, found itself surrounded, and was

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FIERCE BATTLES RAGING IN SYRIA MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF SUWEIDA **BRITISH ADVANCING ON DAMASCUS ROAD: R.A.F. GIVING FULL SUPPORT**

VICHY, June 9 (REUTERS)—FIERCE BATTLES IN SYRIA ARE GOING ON IN THE MOUNTAINS OF DJEBEL DRUS just south of Suweida, state the first despatches from the Commander of the Vichy troops, General Dentz. Suweida is about 20 miles from Syria's frontier with Transjordan and some 55 miles south-south-east of Damascus.

General Dentz's headquarters are at Beirut and the first communique from there announces that the R.A.F. bombed the aerodrome at Mezze, near Damascus, yesterday morning causing damage but no casualties.

British troops attacked the River Euphrates, according to a Vichy report.

WILSON IN COMMAND

LONDON, June 9 (Reuters)—General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, General Officer Commanding in Palestine, is in charge of the whole Syrian operation in which Allied troops are supported by aircraft and include British, Australians, Indians and Free French. It is learned in London yesterday.

BRITISH COMMUNIQUE

LONDON, June 9 (British Wireless)—The entry of British troops into Syria is mentioned in a communique by the British G.H.Q. in Cairo in the following terms:

"Early this morning, Allied forces under the command of General Wilson crossed the frontier into Syria with the object of eliminating German personnel and influence from certain areas in which they are securing a dominating position through continued infiltration."

"It allowed to proceed, the unchecked establishment of German bases in these areas might endanger the security of the Allied situation in the Middle East and lead to the Arab countries being seized by Axis Powers."

"It is hoped to secure both French and Arab co-operation in this task."

FULL AIR SUPPORT

A special R.A.F. Middle East communique states: "Aircraft of the R.A.F. gave full support to the British Imperial and Allied troops which crossed into Syria at dawn today."

Fighter aircraft which patrolled the sky over our advancing troops met with no opposition."

FRENCH FORCES

France is thought to have about 45,000 troops in Syria of whom one-third to a quarter are white, others are Senegalese, Algerians, Tunisians, Syrians, Lebanese and possibly some Indo-Chinese.

It is believed that the French Forces have a certain number of tanks and there is a small air force—about 100 machines.

LINE OF ADVANCE

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuters)—The likely line of advance is the most natural one along the coast road through Salda or Beirut.

It is known that the French have some blocks on the road but it is uncertain whether these are real military obstacles or merely traffic control blocks such as were well-known to those travelling in France in wartime.

The French in Syria were deprived of many of their weapons by the Armistice Commission, but it is known that they have some tanks and armoured cars.

Allied troops have made some progress in Syria although it is not known whether opposition has been encountered or what are the reactions of the French.

Authoritative circles are without any very definite news of the situation.

SOUTHERLY MARCH

LONDON, June 9 (Reuters)—British troops in Syria are marching in a southerly direction, according to a Vichy Government announcement quoted by the German radio.

"Strong motorised and armoured detachments" of British and Free French troops, supported by artillery, are encountering resistance on the road to Damascus, according to the Vichy agency.

BEIRUT BOMBED

VICHY, June 9 (Reuters)—The R.A.F. yesterday twice raided Beirut, setting fire to oil dumps.

An R.A.F. Middle East communique states that fighter aircraft intercepted and shot down a Cant. 100 bombers over Alexandria and the aircraft crashed near Agame."

FROM IRAQ

LONDON, June 9 (Reuters)—British troops are also advancing into Syria from Iraq along the

SYRIA ISSUE NAZI BLIND FOR ATTACK ON EGYPT?

ANKARA, June 9 (Reuters)—Well-informed circles here are wondering whether the German provocation in Syria is not designed to distract the British while the main attack on Egypt is launched from Libya.

It is pointed out that air-borne troops would be useless in Syria in face of the heavy tanks which the British are able to bring into action while the task of supplying the Germans in Syria would be extremely hard owing to the proximity of numerous British air bases.

Therefore, the Turks argue, the British should take over Syria as quickly as possible before the German preparations for a Libyan attack is complete.

Turkey's own position is benefited by the withdrawal of German troops from Greece and Bulgaria, mainly to Moldavia, and military experts express the opinion that it will take the Germans at least a month to build up armies in these areas to their former strength.

N.E.I. WARNED AGAINST "INSINCERITY"

Matsuoka Drafting New Instructions

TOKYO, June 9 (Reuters)—Official circles here continue to maintain the utmost reserve regarding the N.E.I. crisis.

It is reported, however, without official confirmation, that Mr. Matsuoka intends to send fresh instructions to the Japanese Delegation within a few days, thus paving the way for further contact between the Japanese and Dutch Delegations.

The nature of the new instruction could not be determined but nevertheless their importance is foreboded by the reports that Mr. Matsuoka intends to draft these after full consultations with the Navy and Overseas Affairs Ministries and other Government departments concerned.

PRESS WARNING

Meanwhile, the Army organ, Kokumin Shimbun, voiced another warning to N.E.I. urging the Dutch Colony to drop procrastinating tactics and to wake from the foolish dream that its interests can be served best by expanding military defences against Japan.

It adds that Japan will be forced to reconsider her relations with the N.E.I. in a different light if Batavia persists in maintaining "an insincere and haughty front."

British Move Against Syria Taken In The Nick Of Time

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuters)—The move by the British and Free French to prevent the Germans assuming control of Syria and turning it into a battle-ground was taken in the nick of time as evidence was accumulating of growing German infiltration.

It is understood that General Dentz, the French High Commissioner in Syria, was recently informed by Vichy that a German Mission would arrive at Aleppo about June 15 to take over control and the administration of the Aleppo district.

The seriousness of such an action required no emphasis.

It was also learned that early in May General Huntziger informed General Dentz that Admiral Darlan, in the course of his conversation with Hitler, had conceded air bases in Syria to the Germans and General Dentz was asked to report for the information of the Disarmament Commission, whether this was likely to cause trouble in the Syrian Army, and if so, to suggest how the position could be overcome.

General Dentz suggested in reply that the aerodrome should be used by the Germans in transit.

ECONOMIC REVIVAL

While not under-estimating the importance of the declaration granting liberty and independence to Syria and Lebanon, the economic provisions of the British and Free French declarations are almost paralysed, exports and imports falling to a minimum and hampered by grave exchange difficulties, while oil has ceased to run through the pipe-line to Syria.

The declarations contain a promise of economic revival with the lifting of the blockade and an

NAZI PLANES FLY OVER SYRIA

ANKARA, June 9 (Reuters)—German planes are rumoured to have been seen flying very high over Hatay, in south-western Turkey, by night towards Aleppo.

They were outside the range of anti-aircraft guns, the reports add.

Eighty-Three Enemy Ships Sunk By R.A.F. Bombers In Campaign Against Shipping

LONDON, June 9 (Reuters)—The Air Ministry announced yesterday further blows by the R. A. F. Bomber Command on Saturday in the three-months old daylight campaign against enemy shipping from Norway to the Mediterranean.

It was already announced that a convoy of supply ships off the Dutch coast was attacked during the morning and that two ships were set afire and probably destroyed. Other vessels in this convoy were damaged.

Later in the day, it is also disclosed, bomb and machine-gun attacks were again made on an escorted supply ship off the Norwegian coast and other vessels in a convoy off the Dutch coast.

A salvage ship lying beside a large submerged wreck off Ter-schelling and surrounded by anti-aircraft ships was bombed and set on fire. Two British bombers were hotly engaged by German fighters on the way back. One enemy fighter was damaged.

83 SHIPS SUNK

Eighty-three ships have been sunk in daring low-level attacks by R.A.F. bombers in the past three months, it is officially announced.

Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirce, Commander-in-Chief of the Bomber Command, in a special Order of the Day, congratulated pilots on Saturday on their success.

Aircraft of the Fighter Command yesterday carried out offensive patrols over the Straits of Dover and occupied territory. Three British bombers and one fighter are missing from Saturday's daylight operations.

BREST ATTACK

The R.A.F. attack on Saturday night on the German naval base at Brest was described by the Air Ministry as successfully carried out in spite of sea fog which made observation difficult, and many sticks of bombs were dropped across the docks.

Coastal Command aircraft attacked the docks and shipping at Bergen during the night. No British bombers were lost.

ROYAL NAVY UNITS LAND TROOPS ON LEBANON COAST

VICHY, June 9 (Reuters)—An announcement that British warships landed a detachment of troops armed with tommy guns on the coast of Lebanon south of Beirut yesterday morning was made last night by the Vichy news agency.

The British naval forces, adds the agency, consisted of one battleship, two cruisers and five destroyers which had been previously seen cruising off Beirut.

The agency asserts that the troops were "promptly taken prisoner."

The latest position of the fighting in Syria is given by the Vichy agency. It says: "Strong motorised and armoured detachments of British and Gaullist troops, supported by artillery, are attempting to advance along the road leading from the Syrian frontier to Damascus. Our troops of all arms, whom this unprecedented attack has not taken unawares, are bravely doing their duty."

LINE OF ATTACK

British and Free French forces are attacking Syria along a line stretching from Merj Ayoun, near the Lebanese coast to the southern point of Djebel Drus country, according to military quarters in Vichy.

There is no continuous front but the Allies are attempting to advance in single-columns at widely separated points.

The R.A.F. today raided Beirut, the chief port in Syria and Lebanon, setting fire to the oil dumps, according to a second communique issued by General Dentz's headquarters at Beirut.

It says: "British troops continued their attack in the south throughout the day. Our forces are defending themselves bravely along the whole line."

"Three enemy aircraft have been brought down and several armoured vehicles were destroyed."

"Beirut was bombed at 3.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. The first raid was without result, but in the second two small oil storage tanks were hit, causing a small fire."

"Aerodromes of Mezze (near Damascus), Neras and Rayak were bombed but no serious damage was caused."

FLEET ON MOVE

VICHY, June 9 (Reuters)—The British aircraft carriers, Ark Royal and Furious, the battle cruiser Sheffield, with flotillas of torpedo boats and submarines, left Gibraltar for the Mediterranean at dawn yesterday morning, says a dispatch from Lallina.

It is also reported from Lallina that 10 merchant ships coming from the Mediterranean anchored at Gibraltar yesterday.

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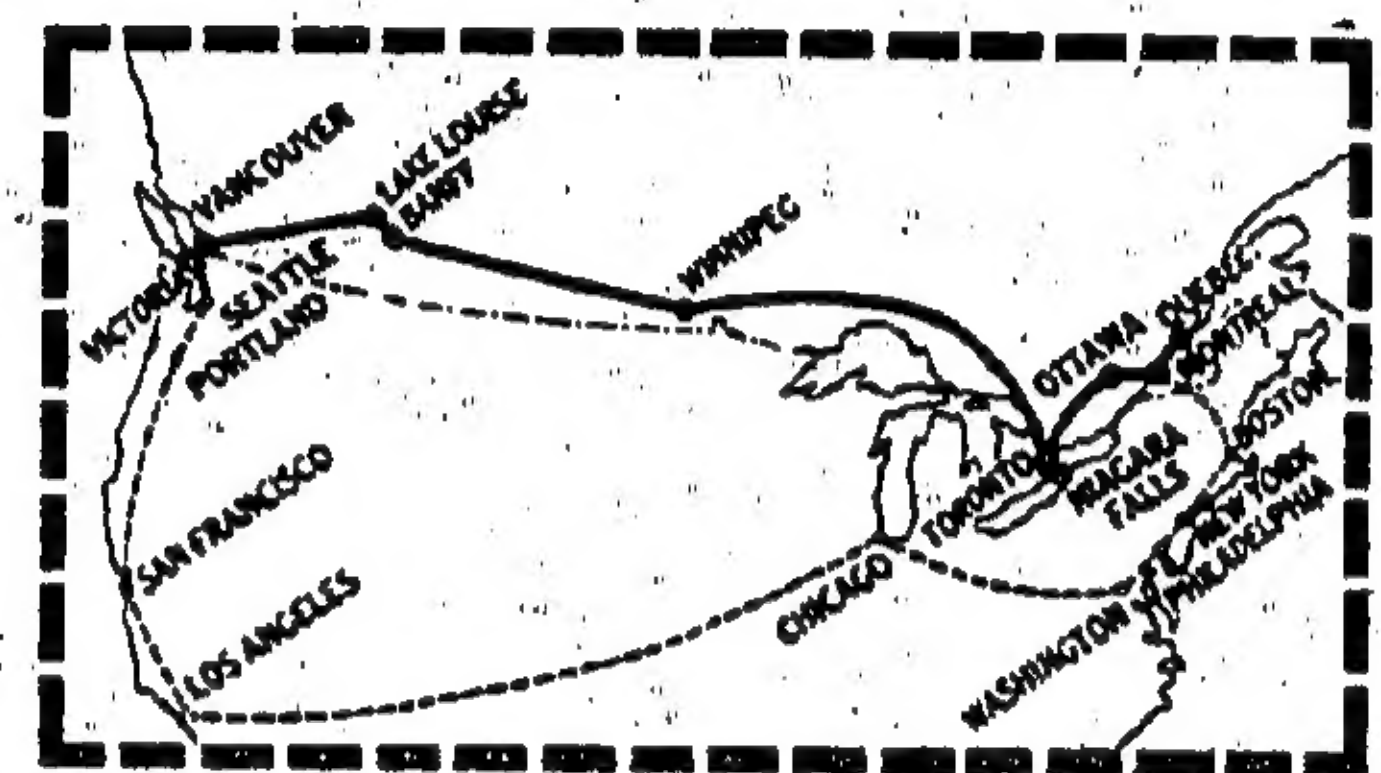
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PRINCE BERNHARD

OTTAWA, June 9 (Reuters)—

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands arrived here unexpectedly from England for a fortnight's visit to Princess Juliana and his two daughters.

IMPERSONATING POLICE ROUND THE POLICE COURTS ALLEGATIONS

Commissioner's House-boy Charged At Central

Allegations that three men, one of whom was employed as house-boy by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police, residing at No. 151 The Peak, had impersonated Police officers in the Shaokwan district, were made in a case heard before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Inspector A. Kirby conducted the prosecution.

Defendants were Fung Wai, 40, house coolie of No. 151, The Peak, Chan Chiu, 38, house coolie of the War Memorial Hospital, and Wong Chong, 33, hospital boy, of No. 47, Elgin Street, third floor, who were accused of having impersonated Police officers at No. 32, Ah Kung Ngam, Shaokwan, on June 6.

CASE FOR PROSECUTION

The case for the prosecution was that about 11 p.m. on the day in question, four Chinese males, three of whom were defendants, entered No. 32, Ah Kung Ngam, which was occupied by Lo Tam, 51, earth coolie.

Meanwhile, Lo and three of his friends were smoking opium in the house, two pipes and two lamps being in use.

On entry, one of the defendants said: "We are Police."

Third defendant, who was dressed in European-style clothing, then said: "I am a 'pang pan' (meaning 'inspector')."

Second defendant again said: "We are being detailed by the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Pennefather-Evans, to inquire about opium divans. Give us \$3 tea money."

To this, complainant said that he did not have that amount.

First defendant, who was employed as house-boy by Mr. Pennefather-Evans, produced a cane and struck complainant on the head.

Complainant then emptied his pocket of all the money he had, amounting to \$2.50, and turned it over to second defendant, who handed it to first defendant.

After pocketing the money, first defendant and his three accomplices left the house. One of the gang got away, and the three defendants were eventually arrested by P.C. Cui, Lam Chi-ming, at Main Street East.

Complainant, Lo Tam, gave evidence.

Asked whether he had any question to put to Lo, first defendant said: "We went down to Shaokwan to see a show. I have no question to put to him."

Mr. Sheldon: Do you agree with what he has said?

First defendant: I did not say that I was a Police officer. I was only passing there, where I saw people smoking opium inside.

WENT TO SHOW

Second defendant: On that night we went for a show in Shaokwan. After we had seen the show, we walked around to find something to eat and we passed a house, where we saw some people smoking opium.

Third defendant: We went in a house and on seeing people smoking inside, we walked out. The story complainant has told is made up.

After further evidence, the case was adjourned to tomorrow at 11 a.m.

AT CENTRAL

EUROPEAN FINED

Anthony Francis Carmo, 21, an Inspector of the Dairy Farm Company, residing at No. 23, Kwong Ming Street, first floor, charged with having assaulted tram conductor, Chau Chuen, and motor-man, Siu Wah-hok, on board tram No. 99 at Queen's Road East, near Garden Road, on May 31, was ordered by Mr. Sheldon yesterday to pay \$10 compensation to each of the complainants.

He was defended by Mr. H. A. de Barros Botelho, while Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared for the prosecution.

Pleading guilty on defendant's behalf, Mr. Botelho said that his client felt grieved before the incident took place, when he was singled out by the conductor to get off the tram, as there were others standing in the first class. Mr. Botelho added that his client had expressed regret for what he had done.

POLICE DESERTER

Police Constable C75, Chan Yu, 32, stationed at Central Police Station, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., yesterday with deserting from the Force in which he had been duly engaged on Jan. 11, 1939 for five years, on May 28.

Defendant was remanded until tomorrow for making further enquiries at the request of Det. Acting Sub-Inspector C. T. Byron, since he was only arrested on Saturday.

FALSE INFORMATION

Four adults and two juveniles appeared before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday on a charge of having submitted to the Controller of Trade, on June 6, an export licence containing false information, which offence is a breach of the Defence Regulations.

The four grown-up defendants were Chan Sai-kit, 70, permit writer, of No. 26, First Street, Tsang Wai-ming, 22, translator, of No. 17, Temple Street, Wong Wun-mun, 19, fook, and Ng Chik-tong, 20, clerk of the Controller of Trade Office.

All defendants were remanded until tomorrow, bail being allowed at \$2,000 each.

GAMBLING BOAT RAIDED

Some 22 people allegedly gambling at "fan tan" and "pai kau" on a boat in the harbour started to throw their table money overboard when a Police party led by Det.-Sgt. W. Summers was going aboard to carry out a raid.

This was revealed before Mr. Lowry yesterday when Lai Kau, 48, engineer, of No. 861, Canton Road, was charged with keeping Class II boat No. 1170V as a common gaming house while 21 others were accused of gambling.

Lai and three others failed to appear and had their bails of \$50 and \$5 each respectively forfeited. The 18 persons present were fined \$4 each.

As a result of what has been related above, only \$2.80 scattered on the deck were picked up and these were ordered to be donated to the Poor Box.

ALLEGED RECEIVER

Bail was opposed in the case in which a 55-year-old married woman, Tsang Shun-cheung, mistress of Sze Kee Tsan, No. 30, Shaokwan Road, ground floor, was remanded for a week by Major A. N. Macfadyen on a charge of receiving three tons of stolen rivets, bolts and nuts to the value of \$2,016.

It is understood that defendant will be defended by Mr. D. McCallum. Sgt. W. L. Kinloch is prosecuting.

STOLE GUINEA PIGS

For stealing 29 guinea pigs, some of which were injected with different serums for experimental purposes, at a laboratory of the University, Au Sing, 26, coolie, of No. 9, Third Street, first floor, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers said that the pigs, which were valued at \$100, were later recovered from an animal pet shop in Des Voeux Road Central, apparently defendant having disposed of his loot there.

Defendant admitted one previous conviction.

HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 72 hours ended at midnight on June 8:—Cholera, 14 cases; Dysentery, 72 cases; Enteric Fever, five cases; Measles, one case; Tuberculosis, 113 cases.

AT KOWLOON

IMPERSONATED POLICE

Two nightsoil coolies of the Urban Council, Wong Wah, 22, and Hui Wah, 22, and Li Wing, 28, unemployed were charged before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday with impersonating Police Officers at Prince Edward Road.

Sgt. Downman prosecuting, said that the complainant, Ho Wing, 22, house-boy, was walking along Prince Edward Road on June 7 at 1.45 a.m. when suddenly the three defendants came from behind and the first accused asked what complainant had in the basket he was carrying.

Complainant replied: "What has it got to do with you?"

Second accused then said: "He is a Police Officer. You had better let him search the basket."

Complainant then asked first accused for his credentials. First accused punched him on the right shoulder and the third accused then produced a knife and threatened complainant.

Complainant then shouted "Save life."

Mr. F. Fowler, Sanitary Inspector, on hearing the cry, came, and apprehended first and second accused. The third accused managed to run away but was later arrested.

First and second defendant were fined \$50 or two months' hard labour, while third accused, with one previous conviction, was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

JUNK MASTER FINED

Wan Kan, 41, master of junk No. 1220V, appeared before Mr. Anderson on charges of firstly attempting to export 380 tins of kerosene and, secondly, not having a license to carry same.

Sub-Inspector Headridge, prosecuting, said that on Saturday, June 7, at 5.20 p.m. the accused's junk was stopped by the Police at North Point and the kerosene were found on board.

Defendant admitted that the kerosene was for export, but the licence he carried, and dated May 25, had expired.

Accused was fined \$250 or three months on the first charge, and on the second charge \$25 or two weeks, consecutively.

THEFT OF JEWELLERY

A sixteen-year-old splinter was ordered to be placed in the Salvation Army Home for three months by Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday for larceny of a gold bangle, three gold finger-rings and \$2.60 in Hongkong currency, to the total value of \$82.50 from Ho Sze, 22, basket-maker, No. 5 Tung On Street, second floor on June 7.

Sgt. Whitcroft, prosecuting, HARD LABOUR FOR PICKPOCKET

Ho Tung-fuk, 17, unemployed, of No. 78 Woosung Street, first floor, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. Macnamara yesterday for attempted larceny from the person of Lau Lun, 42, Manager of Kelly Bros., No. 60 Castle Peak Road, of \$9 on June 8.

Sgt. Whitcroft, prosecuting, said that complainant was walking to Mongkok along Shanghai Street, near Dundas Street, when accused came from behind and attempted to remove the money from the complainant's pocket. Complainant caught accused's hand and a struggle ensued in which accused managed to break away. He was, however, arrested by a District Watchman who was nearby.

Defendant had five previous convictions.

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE

Owing to insufficient evidence, two Chinese constables who were alleged to have neglected their duty by failing to arrest an unknown Chinese man and woman, who had in their possession three bags of wolfram ore reasonably suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained, and with unlawful possession of a quantity of wolfram ore suspected to have been stolen, were discharged by Mr. Macnamara yesterday.

The accused were P. C. C718, Lo Kan, 31, and P. C. C247, Tang Cheung, 32, both attached to the Yau-mai Police Station.

First accused was represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland, R.M., while Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for second.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser prosecuted.

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JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFFS

Remarking that he had not the slightest hesitation in saying that defendant had told lies, not only deliberately, but had also got his wife to commit perjury, Mr. Justice Cressall, at the Summary Court yesterday, awarded judgment, with costs to the Yee Sang Hong, of No. 10 Queen's Road Central, first floor.

The defendants, the Si Lee Company, and Tong Yau-chuen, of No. 154 Des Voeux Road Central, fourth floor, were sued for \$68.50 for medicines sold and delivered to them by plaintiff firm.

Plaintiffs were represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, while Mr. D. McCallum was for the defence.

Mr. Silva said that he understood that the defence was that two of the three items sued for had been paid for and they only admitted liability to the amount of \$140.

PREVIOUS DEALINGS

Chan Pak-tsun, manager of plaintiff firm, said that his firm dealt in medicines and patent drugs. He had previous dealings with defendant firm and on Mar. 12, second defendant came to his office and bought three kinds of medicine payment of which was to be made at the end of the month.

All the goods were delivered the same day and a chopped acknowledgment for them was received.

Tong Yau-chuen said that prior to this he had no dealings with plaintiffs. Two items of goods were purchased and paid for on Mar. 8.

Yeung King-yan, wife of defendant, said she saw her husband pay the sum of \$428 to plaintiffs for the purchase of certain medicines.

After his Lordship had given judgment to plaintiffs Mr. Silva asked for immediate execution and the application was granted.

DECREE NISI GRANTED

A decree nisi was granted by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday on the petition of Joseph George Meyer for the dissolution of his marriage with his wife, Dorothy Meyer, on the ground of adultery.

Petitioner was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. D. H. Blake. The respondent and co-respondent were not in Court neither were they legally represented.

FATAL CAR MISHAP

A delivery messenger, Ng Sze-kit, 25, was knocked down by private car driven by Mr. Shun Tsok-shu, engineer of the Nanvong Tobacco Company, living at No. 1 Rutland Quadrant, Kowloon Tong, when the former attempted to cross the road on a bicycle in Hennessy Road, Wanchai, near Kwong Sang Hong yesterday about 9 a.m.

Ng sustained severe head injuries and after admission to Queen Mary Hospital, died at 9.55.

HIT BY TRAM

While attempting to cross Johnston Road, in front of the Ying King Restaurant, a middle-aged Chinese male was knocked down by tram No. 54, travelling from west to east.

The accident occurred about 12.45 p.m. yesterday. The man, who received injuries to the head, was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital in an unconscious condition.

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Anti-Spitting Prosecution

INTERESTING RULING BY MAGISTRATE

The third prosecution under the anti-spitting bye-law brought before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday, failed when the Magistrate ruled that the place in which defendant was alleged to have expectorated was military ground and hence not a public place.

It was stated that the bye-law stipulated that it was only a summary offence when the nuisance was committed in a public place.

Defendant in this case was an ice delivery boy of the Dairy Farm, Lau Ohing, 38, of No. 78, Chun Yeung Street, ground floor, who was charged with having spat on the steps leading to the cook house of the Royal Corps of Signals, Victoria Barracks, at 8 a.m. on June 8. He pleaded not guilty.

The charge was brought by L/Cpl. Wright, R.S.

The prosecution accepting that the spitting actually took place inside the Victoria Barracks, a military ground which the public had no access to and hence not a public place, the charge was withdrawn and defendant discharged.

CROWN LAND SALE

Kowloon Lot Bought For \$32,100

Mr. A. H. Basto, the well-known architect, was the successful bidder, at \$32,100, for New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2850 which was sold by public auction at the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday.

With an upset price of \$22,300 this 14,870 square feet piece of land, situated at the junction of Castle Peak Road and Camp St., Shamshuipo, was within five minutes of the commencement of this sale, worth \$27,500 when the first bidder against Mr. Basto dropped out.

The price was further raised by another Chinese gentleman who, however, withdrew when it reached \$32,100 at which the lot was sold to Mr. Basto who was acting on behalf of Mr. A. Vagwan, of Wyndham Street.



UP THE SPOUT

"Your name and college, Sir?"
"Digby, Sir, St. Marks."
"I watched your recent exploit Mr. Digby—it had a certain element of daring."
"Yes, Sir."
"But no element of originality."
"No, Sir."
"It will be necessary to send workmen up in the morning to remove the object—not without some danger to life and limb."
"Yes, Sir."
"From your appearance and your manner Mr. Digby, I assume that you are celebrating some event of great importance—some outstanding academic achievement no doubt."
"Yes, Sir."
"H'm—my advice, Sir, is that you retire to bed immediately, having first taken a long draught of Rose's Lime Juice. Its therapeutic effects may help you to face the wrath to come in the morning."
"Thank you, Sir."
"And by the way—I notice you chose the long way up. Actually there is a shorter way. I remember in '88 or was it '89—H'm, H'm, Good night."
"Good night, Sir."

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It is hereby notified that on the occasion of the March Past of the Garrison in honour of the Birthday of His Majesty the King, the following arrangements for the regulation of traffic will be enforced.

1. From 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. (approx.) Gloucester Road and that part of Hennessy Road between Fenwick Street and Stewart Road, will be closed to Vehicular Traffic.
2. Traffic will be diverted by way of Johnston Road or Lockhart Road.
3. Car parks will be formed in that part of Luard Road, O'Brien Road and Fleming Road which lies between Hennessy Road and Johnston Road. The Car parks in O'Brien Road and Luard Road are reserved for the cars of official spectators. Persons arriving by car are requested to approach by way of Johnston Road.

4. From 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. (approx.) the following routes will be diverted to the following roads.

Route No. 1 will proceed via Johnston Road from Arsenal St. to Wanchai Road.

Route No. 2 will proceed via Lockhart Road from Arsenal St. Tonnochy Road, and via Tonnochy Road to Hennessy Road.

Sd. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Commissioner of Police.

10th June, 1941.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th JUNE, 1941, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th April, 1941.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th day of June, to WEDNESDAY, the 11th, of June, 1941, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hong Kong: 29th May, 1941.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

The Sixtieth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 25th June, 1941, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 11th June to the 25th June, 1941, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.

Hong Kong, 4th June, 1941.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BANK HOLIDAY.

In Accordance with Government Ordinance, THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on THURSDAY, the 12th June, 1941. (The Birthday of His Majesty the King.)

Hongkong, 7th June, 1941.

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

NOTICE.

There is a vacancy at the University for a First Assistant to the Professor of Medicine at a salary of \$300.00. Applications should be addressed to the undersigned so as to reach him on or before Wednesday, 18th June, 1941.

STANLEY V. BOXER,

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BRITISH ACTION IN SYRIA

WHILE it is the political, rather than the military, implications which are emphasised in the action taken by the British Imperial troops and the Free French forces in Syria, the strategic value of the decision to prevent German control of this French colony with the object of making it a base for operations against the Suez Canal and Egypt is fully recognised. The British action to support General de Gaulle's forces will be welcomed throughout the Empire. Ever since the withdrawal from Crete, popular demand has grown for decisive measures to be taken in anticipation of moves by the Axis Powers and any delay in acceding to this sentiment would undoubtedly have met with strong disapproval. As it is, the reports emanating from the new battlefield indicate that the decision was taken not a moment too soon and that, indeed, the stage was very nearly set for an Axis move in the very near future. The political importance of the British move is the effect it will have on the French people not only in Syria, but in every part of the French Empire and in France itself. Neither Axis propaganda nor Vichy subterfuge has been able to conceal the growing dissension that has become apparent in the French Empire over the contemptible methods which Admiral Darlan, M. Laval and their fellow traitors have been adopting to sell out their country to the Germans. New hope and courage will now be inspired in the hearts of the large majority of French men and women who are looking to Britain and her allies to free them from the enslavement to which their so-called leaders have committed them.

WHEN considering the political aspects of the move now taken by the British and Free French forces, a most

ALL-WHITE WEDDING AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

CAPTAIN ALAN O. G. MILLS AND MISS BEATA RICHARDS

St. John's Cathedral was the scene of one of the prettiest weddings of the season yesterday afternoon when MISS BEATA ELIZABETH DE COURCY RICHARDS became the bride of CAPTAIN ALAN OSWALD GAWLER MILLS, R.A.

Both are popular members of Hongkong's younger set, and several hundred friends of the bride and bridegroom attended the ceremony, which was performed by the Bishop of Hongkong, Right Rev. R. O. Hall, assisted by the Rev. A. P. Rose.

The bride was given away by her father, the Rev. D. Morgan Richards, B.A., of the Education Department, and looked radiant in an exquisite gown of snow-white satin.

Cut with a V-neck, the gracefully moulded bodice flowed into a wide full skirt with a long train, over which fell her wedding veil of tulle, held in place with a charmingly designed fillet of orange blossom. She carried a sheaf of Arum lilies.

Capt. A. J. Le Seleur, R.E., carried out the duties of bestman.

THE BRIDESMAIDS

The bridesmaids were Miss Rachel Smith, Miss Allison Black and Miss Pamela Pritchard, who looked delightful in picture frocks of white organdie, and halo-head-dresses also of white and carried bouquets of tuberose and maiden-hair fern. The effect of this all-white wedding was enhanced by the beautiful floral decorations of the chancel, which were carried out with white lotus flowers, and were the work of Mrs. G. D. R. Black, Mrs. Farrel and Mrs. Hance.

The bride's mother was charmingly gowned in navy-blue French lace with a matching hat, and she carried a bouquet of shaded blue and mauve asters.

Lieut.-Col. F. D. Field, M.C. R.A., represented the bridegroom's parents, and Capt. Bartram acted as usher.

A reception was held afterwards at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, and a feature of the occasion was the wedding cake, which was surmounted by a model in silver of Capt. Mills' yacht, the A.S.

THE TOASTS

The health of the bride was proposed by Bishop Hall and the bridegroom replied in some well-chosen words which evoked much applause, afterwards calling upon those present to drink to the bridesmaids.

Capt. Le Seleur replied for them



Capt. A. O. G. Mills, R.A., and his bride, formerly Miss Beata Richards, after their marriage yesterday afternoon.—(King's Studio).

with a mirthful little speech which aroused much laughter.

The bride looked extremely pretty in her going-away dress of gray georgette and lace, worn with a small hat of palest strawberry pink.

The honeymoon is to be spent at Bagulo, P.I.

FROM the military point of view, the developments in Syria have to be studied from several angles. The check which the British and Free French action will have on Nazi plans is, of course, important. A word of caution has, however, advisedly been given in reminding the British that this provocation of a clash between the Vichy forces and those of Britain and Free France might be part of a German move to distract attention from North Africa and that the possibility of a major offensive from Libya into Egypt must not be lost sight of. Opinion is also expressed in some quarters that an open clash between Britain and Vichy is what the Germans have been playing up to and that the indifference with which Nazi quarters have commented on the events in Syria is ominous as portending an attempt to bring the United States into the war over the Vichy Government's attitude. These possibilities have no doubt been fully realised by Britain and, with the lessons now learned of German tactics, every precaution will be taken to be ready and fully prepared for all emergencies which may thus arise.

According to a Police report, Leung Shing, 30, of Shing Nam Road, Kowloon City, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital at 2.25 yesterday morning, suffering from caustic soda poisoning, allegedly self-administered.

SIR ROBERT KOTEWALL INDISPOSED

His many foreign and Chinese friends will be sorry to hear that Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall is indisposed and has been medically advised to cancel all business and social engagements for at least one week.

According to circles close to Sir Robert, he has not been in the best of health for the past ten days but up to Saturday, Sir Robert was in his office attending to his multifarious duties.

His numerous friends will join with us in wishing Sir Robert a speedy recovery.

JAPAN CANNOT BREAK UP, CONQUER OR GET OUT OF CHINA, SAYS O. M. GREEN

"No one can tell what madness Japan's imperialists may yet attempt in pursuance of their battle hopes, but in their fight with the Chinese one thing must be said—they cannot get out of China," said MR. O. M. GREEN, foreign editor of Reuters and formerly editor of the NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS, Shanghai, when he broadcast from London yesterday on what is happening between China and Japan.

Mr. Green said that one of the most significant statements in President Roosevelt's recent speech was that part in which he referred to the magnificent defence of the Chinese against Japan as one of the greatest obstacles to Herr Hitler's aggression.

UNFLAGGING RESISTANCE

China was fighting the greatest battle to free the world from tyranny. In 1940 China had faced the most difficult times and at one time she seemed to have been isolated from all help, but her resistance to the Japanese never flagged for a moment and she still continued to hold the Japanese soldiers like flies on a fly-paper.

"What are the details of this magnificent defence of the Chinese?" continued Mr. Green. "During the past month, Japan has been making a strong push against the Chinese in an attempt to destroy the Chinese armies. With two divisions brought from Manchukuo she had a little success at first."

Mr. Green said that the offensive in Central China has been successfully checked by the Chinese and had made no progress at all. In the East and the South East the push had also failed.

"The point to emphasise is that even if the Japanese had defeated the Chinese it would not have meant the conquest of China," said Mr. Green. "It is interesting to recall the opinions expressed by the German officers who were at one time training the Chinese armies on this question. They said that Japan lost the chance of conquering China in December 1938 when her army was allowed to waste two months in Nanking in looting and raping. Now the Japanese are compelled to strike here and there, wasting money and men without getting any final victory."

FOUR FACTORS

Mr. Green said that the secret of Chinese resistance lay in four main factors. Firstly, her enormous size. The distance between free and occupied China was 2,800 miles, with very scanty railways and roads. This meant long communications which the Japanese must keep up through hostile country.

Secondly, there was China's man-power. She had a population of 400,000,000 and the Chinese Minister of War recently announced that China's armies now numbered 5,000,000, including the guerrillas. China's armies were now better equipped and trained than they had ever been before. Their marching powers were amazing and they thought nothing of marching 50 miles a night.

It was also important to notice that a statement had been made last week by one of the leaders of the Communist army that this army was effectively co-operating with the Government troops. This showed that all complications between the Communists and the Government had been smoothed away.

CHINESE INDUSTRY

Thirdly, there was China's great industrialisation efforts. Most of her factories had been removed to the south-west and great strides were being made in making roads and railways. That was a remarkable fact. In the first year of the war, there had been a tremendous flow of capital from the interior of China to Shanghai. Now it had begun to flow back to free China and Chinese in the Straits Settlements had invested \$300,000,000 in Free China.

Fourthly, there was the active resistance of Chinese peasants. It was here that the Japanese made their greatest blunder. In previous wars the Chinese peasants had been indifferent to the issue. Now they formed an active spear-head which the Japanese would never break down. The wakening of the people of China showed that they were united to resist the Japanese. That was the most important fact in the country's history.

JAPAN'S POSITION

Mr. Green then turned to comment on Japan's position. Japan's



MR. O. M. GREEN

fleet, he said, which a spokesman had recently said numbered 500 vessels, was unimpaired. In spite of the daily drain on her manpower, she was easily able to maintain a standard army of about 1,800,000 men. The weight of war material, aeroplanes, etc., was on her side.

After the collapse of France, Japan expected Britain to be beaten in a few weeks and hoped there would be plenty to gain from it. Now the pact with Russia did not prevent the latter sending arms to China. As a matter of fact Russia had just signed a new agreement with Chungking to do so. Mr. Matsukata, who was so pleased with himself for having obtained this pact was now hearing many angry words over what he has done.

"The war in China is now just one month short of four years," said Mr. Green, "and the end is not yet in sight. Japan's national debt is five times and her budget eight times what it was before the China war began. Taxation has reached its limits and there is a shortage of labour. There is also a decline in output of factories in spite of longer hours of work and an increase of factory accidents showing malnutrition and over-strain."

"China is receiving every help from the United States and from us and she will certainly receive more and her armies are now more confident than ever of ultimate triumph," concluded Mr. Green.

PRISONER FOUND DEAD IN CELL

An inquest into the death of a prisoner in Stanley Prison, Lau Yung, 38, who was found dead in his cell on May 15, was conducted before Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. Wong Hui-wan (Foreman), Mak Kwong, Wing Chan and Chan Chuek-chow.

Mr. W. J. Bagley, Assistant Chief Officer of the Prison Department, said that deceased was sentenced to one month's imprisonment on May 5 on conviction for larceny.

Dr. E. W. R. Hackett, Medical Officer of the Prison Department, deposed that the cause of death was cerebral haemorrhage due to rupture of the blood vessel in the brain.

A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Among the souvenirs brought back last week from Oxford in northern Norway by forces of the Royal Norwegian Navy—who were manning a former American destroyer, it will be recalled—was a pair of mittens on the back of which was knitted in gay colours: "God Save the King!"

These mittens, knit by some patriotic Norwegian woman who risked punishment in order thus to express her feelings, symbolise the spirit of Norway today. They will be presented to King Haakon as a token of loyalty from his captive but faithful people.

REGISTRY WEDDINGS

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating:—

Mr. Khong Hin-mun, photographer, of No. 187 Wellington Street, and Miss Hui Chim-nga, of No. 4 Graham Street.

Mr. Wong Wai-ming, student, of No. 223 Shaokwan Road, and Miss Leung Ot-tak, of No. 39 Lung Kong Road, first floor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Chow Hung-ping, clerk, of No. 31 Wing Hing Street, and Miss Chen Wen-yang, of No. 35 Wing Hing Street.

Mr. Lam Yun-ming, clerk, of No. 114 Prince Edward Road, and Miss Ho Yat-tim, of No. 29 Sands Street.

NEWSETTES

Mr. Stanley Crum, travelling auditor for the American President Lines, Ltd., has arrived in the Colony.

Mr. Victor Keen, correspondent for the New York Herald Tribune, has arrived in Hongkong. He is en route to Shanghai.

The office of the Assistant Adjutant, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, has been removed to Volunteer Headquarters, Garden Road, Tel. Nos. 39/444, 33663 and 33070.

The engagement is announced of Kenneth, the son of Mrs. M. C. Roberts, of Shanghai, and Constance, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Ho, and granddaughter of Mr. Ho Kom Tung, C.B.E., J.P., of Hongkong.

Mr. John R. Greaves, a former Hongkong resident, who has been serving with the Australian Imperial Force in the Middle East, is reported to be missing. He was wounded during the drive on Bardia in December and when last heard of was about to rejoin his unit after recovery.



IMPERIAL TROOPS ENTER DERRA

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The main British objectives, according to Agnonsky's information, are Beirut, Aleppo and Damascus. Forces from Palestine are apparently using the Hail-Belrut coast road.

Agnonsky commented the only way the Germans can help Vichy in Syria is by air and the next few days will show if they are successful.

In the meantime, he says, the British are believed to have made effective political groundwork in Syria before the beginning of the military action.

OVER TO BRITISH

Four thousand French troops, armed with modern equipment, have gone over to the British in the Djebel Druze area, according to the Berner correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES.

MOMENT'S NOTICE

NEW YORK, June 9 (Reuter).—Several units of the French Fleet in Toulon are ordered to be ready to sail at a moment's notice, according to the New York Times from Berner.

R.A.F. ACTIVITY

JERUSALEM, June 9 (Reuter).—Planes are continuously coming and going which give evidence of considerable R.A.F. activity though the latest report indicates no major resistance yet encountered in Syria.

BRITAIN ABUSED

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter).—Endorsing Marshal Petain's shallow argument, that the British, by entering Syria, broke faith with France, the German wireless is pouring out quotations from dutiful German newspapers vehemently, even scurrilously, abusing Britain for the betrayal of her former ally.

On this point, the NEW YORK TIMES says: "It is not Britain that has broken faith. Every Frenchman who is not blinded by pro-Nazi propaganda knows that only a British victory in this war can re-establish the conditions under which free democratic France can live again."

The SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE says: "There are two Frances now captive, Vichy France and Free France. In the hearts of Frenchmen beyond the clutch of the Nazi fist, it is Free France that Americans recognise."

The ST. LOUIS STAR says: "The choice which the Vichy Government made to 'defend' Syria against the British means simply that Vichy is an enemy and should be so treated."

The HERALD-TRIBUNE says that the forces of democracy for once have taken a bold initiative without waiting for Nazi-paid subversionists and shock troops to force their hands.

The single emotion among Americans will be relief and reassurance that the Free French and British in the Mediterranean can show offensive energy, and there will be the hope that they will carry through the action with that vigour and ruthlessness that is required with all the speed and power they possess.

WAS ESSENTIAL

The Free French newspaper FRANCE, commenting on the entry of Syria, says that it was essential at all costs in order to prevent its becoming an Axis base for an attack against Egypt or Turkey.

Vichy had obviously abandoned any idea of defending it against Britain.

Shaken Out Of Our Complacency

BUT CONFIDENCE REMAINS

"There has been a lot of criticism about Crete and quite rightly too, to my mind. The more vigorously we are criticised the more determined it makes us to see that our war efforts achieve success," said MR. HOWARD MARSHALL in the course of a broadcast from London yesterday in the series "News from Home."

Mr. Marshall said that those who have read the papers recently might imagine that they in Britain have lost faith in the Government completely.

"You would have been quite wrong," said Mr. Marshall. "I don't think any leaders in our history have ever been so unanimously behind Mr. Winston Churchill."



MR. CHURCHILL

Churchill. The point is that we have been shaken out of our complacency. By nature we are a complacent people. And then something like Crete happens. But it does not shake our confidence; although it makes us ask angry questions about our war efforts.

MORE DETERMINED

"Anyway, Crete is making us more determined than ever to forge ahead. We do take sometime to come to the point. That's the trouble. But we are getting warmed up now, I can assure you."

Mr. Marshall, referring to the events of the past week, made a brief comment on the developments in Syria.

"The Allies are marching into Syria," he said. "Australian, New Zealand, Indian and Free French troops are taking part in this advance which meets with every sympathy and, indeed, the action is very welcome."

HANOI, June 9 (Reuter).—Me-kong River navigation along which was suspended during the period of hostilities between Thailand and Indo-China, will be reopened on June 10, it has been officially announced.

CASTLE PEAK ROAD TRAGEDY

INQUEST HELD AT D. O. SOUTH

A traffic accident on Castle Peak Road, Tsun Wan, on May 3 which resulted in the death of a man, Lo Sze-mui, 28, had a sequel in the District Office, South, yesterday when Mr. S. F. Balfour, sitting as Coroner, and assisted by a jury which comprised Mr. F. A. Dinsdale (Foreman), Mr. Chan Kwai-ping and Mr. Yu Foo-keung, conducted an inquest.

Traffic Sub-Insp. A. R. Brittain appeared for the Police.

In his evidence, Dr. E. L. Gosano, of the Kowloon Hospital, stated that the cause of death was cerebral haemorrhage.

A neighbour, Chan Ying, stated that she saw what happened from the gate of her house. In reply to the Foreman of the jury, witness stated that though there was a bend in the road it was not sharp enough to obstruct the view of the driver of the oncoming car.

CAME TO S-BEND

Donald Webb, sick berth attendant on one of H.M. ships, said that he was a passenger in a private car driven by his brother along Castle Peak Road and when they came to an S-bend in the road there were a number of pedestrians.

After passing a bus witness felt a bump and looked to the left but could not see anything. On looking back, however, he saw a large crowd of Chinese. The car was brought to a stop and they found a man lying on the roadway and took him to hospital.

Evidence was also given by C. Sinclair, seaman on one of H.M. ships, who was a passenger of the car, and by Traffic Sergeant W. Clarke.

The inquiry was adjourned to June 13, at 2.30 p.m.

CHINESE BREAK INTO FOCHOW

PUPPETS FLEEING TO MAMOI

KUTEN, June 9 (Central).—Chinese troops counter-attacking at Fochow are making rapid progress. As a result of persistent attacks during the past few days, they have virtually completed the encirclement of the city.

Chinese forward units yesterday once broke into the city and engaged the Japanese in close-quarter fighting with hand-grenades and rifles.

Pandemonium now reigns in Fochow as the various puppet organs are feverishly evacuating the city to Mamoi.

The Chinese are continuing their attacks and perfecting preparations for storming the city.

OUTPOSTS RAIDED

SHIUKWAN, June 9 (Central).—A successful raid was carried out by Chinese mobile units on the night of June 4 on Japanese outposts at Fungching, Fowling, Kungong, Funki, Cheungmei in Chaoan where Japanese defence works were damaged and many sections of telephone and telegraph wires destroyed.

The same day, a Japanese unit from Chaoyang raided Haying to forage food and was repulsed, with losses.

DORTMUND BOMBED

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter).—Aircraft of the Bomber Command carried out attacks in Western Germany last night, says an Air Ministry communique.

It continues: "Though not on a large scale, the operations achieved successful results especially at Essen and Dortmund where large fires were started."

"No aircraft is missing from this operation."

BROOKE-POPHAM IN RANGOON

SHANGHAI, June 9 (Reuter).—Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, arrived in Bangkok on June 3 and immediately called on the British Minister to Thailand, says a Chungking report to the CHENGYIENPAO.

The following day Sir Robert left for Rangoon to inspect the British defence works there, the report adds.



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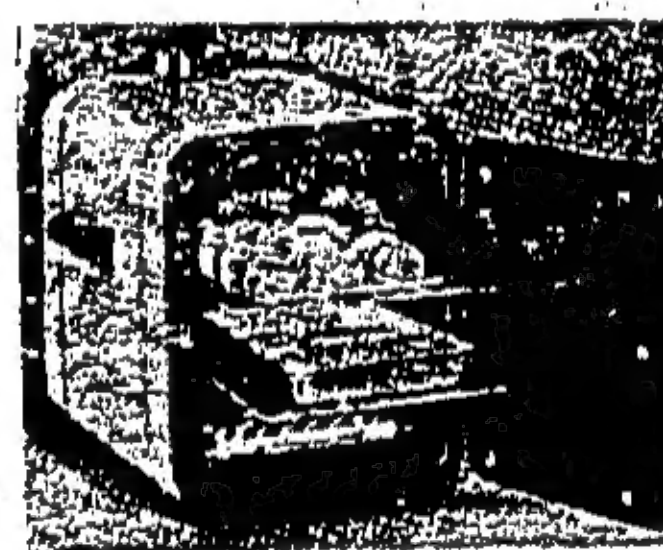
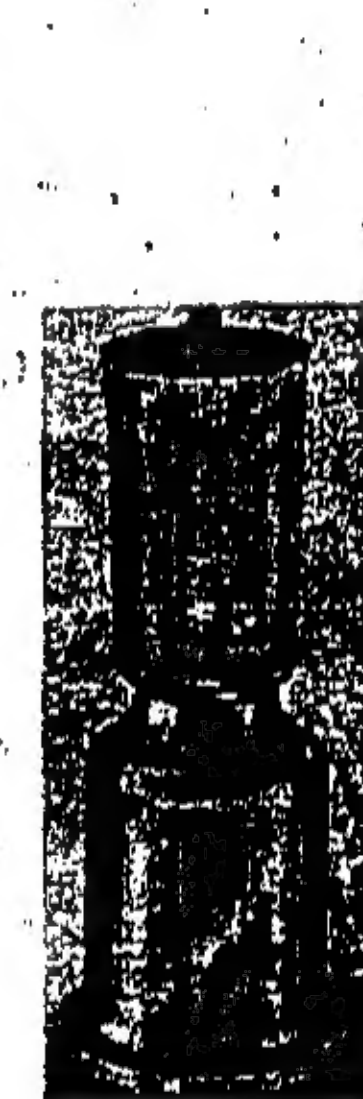
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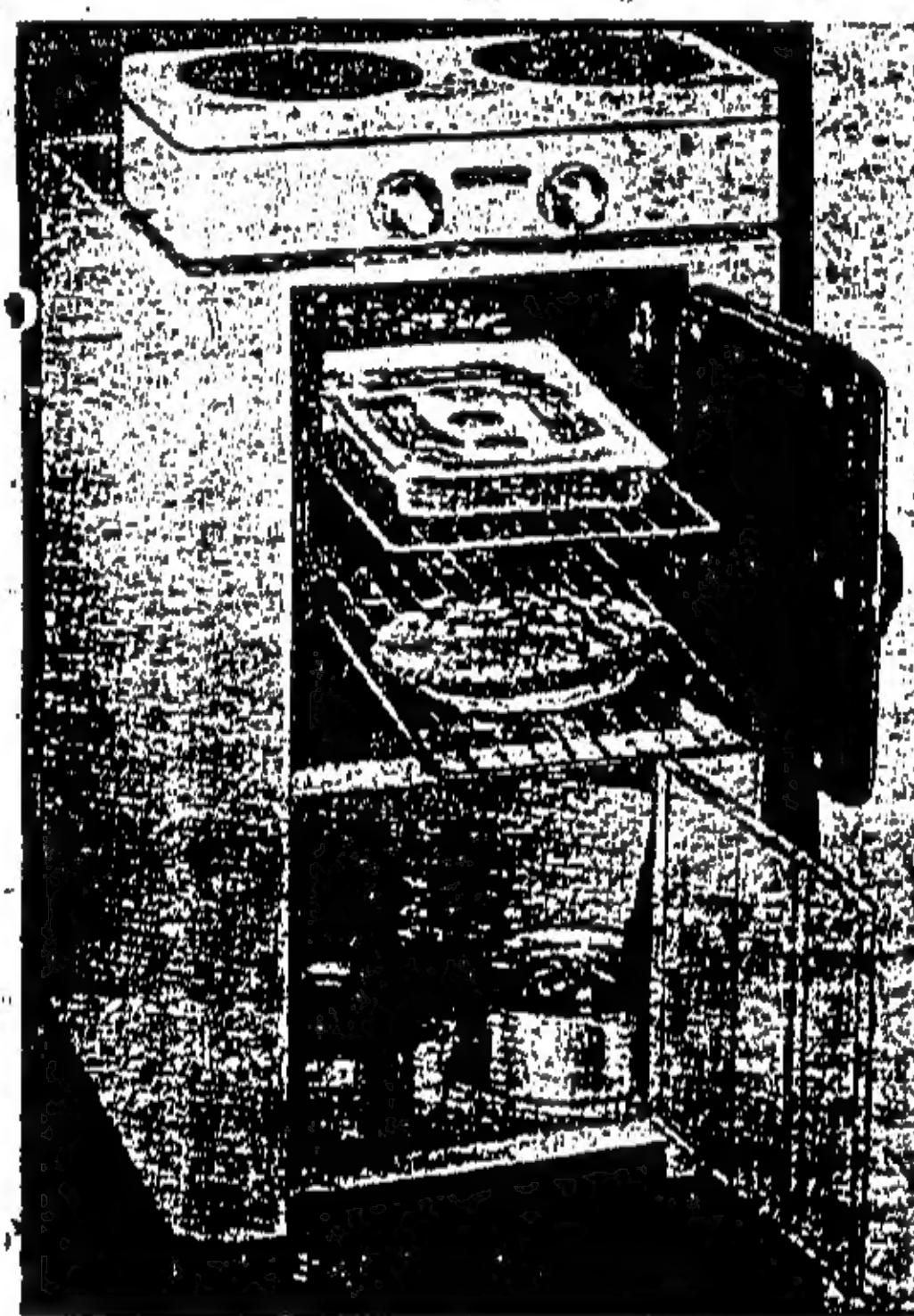


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British Action Responded To Widespread Demand

London Press comment on Syria reflect the view that the British action responded to the widespread public demand that the Allies should not be again forestalled by Germany, says Reuter.

FUNERAL OF EX-KAISER

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter).—The funeral of Ex-Kaiser Wilhelm took place at Doorn, Holland, today with full military honours, the obsequies being attended by the representative of Hitler, Dr. Seyss-Inquart, who laid Hitler's wreath on the coffin, according to the German official News Agency account of the funeral.

After the service, the Ex-Kaiser's widow and the Crown Prince returned to their residence where they received the condolences of those attending the funeral.

DEATH OF HON. F. N. CURZON

EDINBURGH, June 9 (Reuter).—The death occurred suddenly of the Honourable Francis Nathaniel Curzon, brother of the late Lord Curzon and former President of the Moritz Tobogganing Club.

Editorials warn that the task of the British forces may not be necessarily easy. The DAILY TELEGRAPH refuses the Vichy argument that the British action is hostile to French sovereignty.

THE TIMES' editorial says: "The forces under General Wilson's command can count on a warm welcome by an overwhelming majority of the inhabitants of the country into which they are advancing. This sense of operation has been rightly described as political rather than military."

"But with recent precedents in mind, there will be no temptation to succumb to over-confidence or underestimate the military aspects of the task."

"It will be assumed that the fullest preparations have been made on our side in both equipment and tactical dispositions to meet an expected offensive."

MUCH RELIEF

JERUSALEM, June 9 (Reuter).—The announcement of the Allied entry into Syria and the Lebanon brought considerable relief to all communities.

Extra Thrill For "Clipper" Passengers

LISBON, June 9 (Reuter).—A forced landing by an American Clipper in the sea off Setubal, 20 miles south of Lisbon, was successfully made on Sunday night during a severe rainstorm and heavy mist when the pilot found that he was unable to land at the usual mooring station on the river Tagus.

The Clipper circled the capital for some time then put down undamaged in the sea and fired distress rockets.

"Small boats which were put out brought the passengers ashore who arrived at Lisbon by car at midnight."

MORE PRISONERS IN OMO AREA

East and West African forces are continuing their advance in the River Omo area and have captured 200 more European prisoners, 1,000 Eritreans and a number of lorries.

Emperor Haile Selassie has sent the following message: "I am grateful for the magnificent part the Indian troops recently played in the liberation of my country."

The death occurred on May 30, at her residence in Shanghai of Lizaura Maria, Carmelo Marques, aged 46 years, wife of Mr. F. T. Marques. A Requiem Mass was held on June 2, at the Church of Christ the King, Rue Bourgeat, and was followed by burial at the Bubbling Well Cemetery.

JOINING FAR EASTERN MISSION

A recent arrival in Singapore is Sir George Sansom, K.C.M.G., who is joining the Ministry of Economic Warfare, Far Eastern Mission, in an advisory capacity.

Sir George, who has spent many years in Japan, was Commercial Counsellor to the British Embassy in Tokyo from 1928 to 1940.

After leaving Japan he recently held the appointment of Visiting Professor of Oriental History at Columbia University, New York.

Sir George Sansom's very wide experience of the Far East will be of great value to the Mission, whose function, as "has" already been reported, is to study economic developments in the Far East.

UNREASONABLENESS NOT MADE OUT

CONVICTION FOR SALE OF FOOD ON JUNK: APPEAL FAILS

Stating that he had no hesitation in coming to the conclusion that the bye-law was not ultra-vires, nor was it unreasonable, the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Appeal Court yesterday, dismissed an appeal against conviction brought by WONG CHEUNG.

It will be recalled Wong was found guilty and cautioned by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy on April 21 on a summons brought by the Health Department for selling and exposing for sale cooked food for man usually sold or exposed for sale ready for immediate consumption on a Class II junk, No. 1855W, at Aberdeen harbour, on Mar. 8 without a licence from the Urban Council.

Appellant was represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby, and Mr. M. J. Abbott, Crown Counsel, appeared on behalf of the Crown.

Mr. Loseby said that defendant was convicted on a charge laid under bye-law No. 1 of Ordinance 13, 1935, which he submitted could have only one interpretation and that was complete prohibition of the sale of cooked food other than at a place under licence—an eating house, restaurant, hotel or a hawk's stall. The sale of a meal anywhere else was prohibited.

He submitted that the bye-law was unreasonable and a bad one. For example, if a person held a function in the open air or on the waters and sold a cup of tea or a cake he committed an offence under that bye-law.

REGULATE SUPPLY

The Chief Justice told Mr. Loseby that his arguments were that the regulations were unreasonable and, if strictly enforced, would regulate the supply of food on board any passenger carrying vessels and asked Mr. Loseby whether he could show any authority to say that the bye-law was bad on the ground of unreasonableness.

Dismissing the appeal, his Lordship said that the facts of the case were not disputed. He thought it was right that the magistrate at the lower Court held that unreasonableness was not made out.

The appeal was brought on the following grounds:—

(1) on the true interpretation of Ord. No. 13 of 1935 and bye-law

No. 1 the acts alleged and proved by evidence against defendant are not unlawful;

(2) that bye-law No. 1 is invalid: (a) being in excess of the statutory power authorising it, or (b) being repugnant to the statutory power authorising it, or (c) being unreasonable, or (d) being repugnant to the general principles of law;

(3) the conviction was wrong in law, and

(4) not guilty of the offence.

THE BYE-LAW

The bye-law referred to, bye-law No. 1 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance 13 of 1935, states: "Except under and in accordance with a licence granted by the Council for a restaurant, or eating house, or for a hawk's food stall issued under Ordinance No. 22 of 1935, no person shall sell or expose for sale any article of cooked food for man usually sold or exposed for sale ready for immediate consumption. Such licence shall be in addition to any licence issued under the Liquors Ordinance, 1931."

HONGKONG TO HAVE CIRCUIT LIBRARY

Mr. Tam Tsun and Wong Tong, founders of the Hongkong Kowloon Refugee Children's School, are planning to start a circuit library in aid of popular education.

Their plan is to provide three tri-cycles loaded with books which will make rounds of the streets

FUNERAL OF MRS. G. B. BULLOCK

Large Attendance: Many Wreaths

The funeral of Mrs. Gladys Beatrice Bullock, wife of Mr. Harry Bullock of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S. C.) Ltd., who died at the War Memorial Nursing Home on Sunday, took place at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday.

On arrival of the hearse at the gates of the cemetery, the casket was borne to the grave on the shoulders of Messrs. R. Young, E. Ellis, J. Harrop, Newton, F. L. Thomas, N. Spence, W. G. M. Wilson and R. J. K. Walker.

The chief mourners were the husband, Mr. & Mrs. W. F. Tomlin (father and mother), Mr. & Mrs. D. Lyon, Mrs. Farrar and Mr. Anderson.

Among the large attendance were Messrs. L. A. R. Duncan, R. Forrest, D. F. Hughes, G. A. Hughes, L. M. S. Lloyd S. L. Lloyd, G. M. Park, A. M. Silva, G. Thompson, C. M. Victor, V. M. Xavier and R. Young.

THE WREATHS

There was a profusion of wreaths sent among which were those from Harry (husband), Mum and Dad, Dad (father-in-law), Phyllis, Sam and Valerie (Sister), Marjery & Vic (Sister-in-law), Ena & Harold (Sister-in-law), Freda & Douglas (Sister-in-law), Granddad & Win, Auntie Edie & Uncle Ted, Uncle Ned, Auntie Ida & Uncle Harry, Auntie Harrie & Uncle Syd, Auntie Hilda & Uncle Ed, Auntie Hilda, Uncle Stan, Joan & Sonny, Mary & Terry, Auntie Susie & Emily, "Chins", Frank & Marjorie, Ina & Digger, Maud, Mary & "Bets", Nina, Peggie, Vivienne Blackburn, Betty & Lolly Goldman, Eileen &

every day. People may borrow books from the library and return them after reading.

Mr. Y. W. Wong, General Manager of the Commercial Press, has promised to give several hundred copies of books to the library.

CONVICTIONS QUASHED BY APPEAL COURT

Submissions by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., that the prosecution had failed to establish that there was intent or mens rea on the part of defendants were upheld by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Appeal Court yesterday when he ordered that the convictions against Lai Yuen-chu, junk master, and Lo Siu-kuen, steersman, for attempting to export petrol from the Colony, be quashed.

They were convicted by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy on April 22 with doing an act preparatory to the commission of an offence against an order made by the Trade Controller under Defence Regulations by having on board their respective junks 3,700 and 3,000 tins of petrol for movement in the waters of the Colony outside the harbour boundaries without a licence.

They were each fined \$500. Mr. M. J. Abbott, Crown Counsel, was for the Crown. Mr. D'Almada was instructed by Mr. H. L. Kwan.

Mr. D'Almada said that the appeal was based on the grounds that the conviction was against the weight of evidence and, secondly, that there was not sufficient evidence whereupon to return a conviction.

WAS ENGAGED

Mr. D'Almada pointed out that first defendant, in evidence, stated he was engaged to carry the petrol to Cha Kwo Ling and did not know what was to be done on arrival there. For the transportation he had engaged a second defendant's junk.

Mr. D'Almada submitted that the learned magistrate in coming to his decision in the case was acting upon grave suspicion and no more, and submitted that the conviction should be quashed.

The evidence, Mr. Abbott said, which was given undoubtedly showed to the magistrate that something very peculiar was going on.

The appeal was allowed and his Lordship ordered that the fines be refunded.

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BRISK FIGHTING ON HONAN-SHANSI BORDER

HONGKONG, June 8 (Central).—BRISK FIGHTING IS CONTINUING BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND JAPANESE FORCES IN THE HILLY REGIONS NORTH OF THE TSIYUAN-YUANKU HIGHWAY NEAR THE HONAN-SHANSI BORDER, WITH THE LATTER SUFFERING HEAVILY.

A Japanese column pushing toward Tsinshui, northwest of Yangcheng in southeast Shansi, has been held in check by the Chinese. Severe fighting is raging in that area.

Heavy fighting is also reported in Chishan, Tsinghoeh and the neighbouring districts in south Shansi, where over 2,000 Japanese are vigorously attacking.

Meanwhile, Chinese forces have attacked the Japanese on both sides of the Tunliu-Kaoping highway in southeast Shansi with success. The Japanese are being steadily turned back during the past three days.

Nine Japanese planes raided Hingtsi yesterday morning. They dropped several bombs in the southern outskirts before flying away.

GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES

The Chinese have intensified their guerrilla activities around Tsinshui.

Both the Linyi Prison and the bogus Shanung Salt Administration were destroyed during Chinese attacks last month. The Japanese-organised Chinese garrison at Tsinshui revolted and surrendered to the Chinese Government.

A Japanese combined land and naval force of about 1,000 men at Tsinshui made several attacks against the Chinese around the port but were defeated with losses in each attack.

About 3,000 Japanese troops from Chungking, Kaomi and Kiao-hsien also launched an offensive against the Chinese entrenched northwest of Tsinshui and southwest of Kiao-hsien but were repulsed. Chinese in pursuit destroyed the waterworks at Peishaho.

As a result of these engagements, some 1,500 Japanese were killed and more than 10 Japanese officers and men were taken prisoner. About 300 Japanese rifles, six machine-guns, two mountain guns and a quantity of ammunition were also seized.

RECAPTURE SIANGSHAN

Siangshan, important town on the Chekiang coast southeast of Ningpo, was recaptured by Chinese forces on June 5, according to a field dispatch.

The recapture followed a fierce Chinese counter-attack, which resulted in the Japanese being forced to flee in the direction of Nanpao to the south. The Chinese are now busy in rounding up remnant Japanese in Siangshan.

The Japanese occupied Siangshan on the morning of June 3 after a vigorous drive from Nanpao.

FURTHER SUCCESSES

The Chinese have scored further successes to the north-west of Foochow.

Following the recapture of Tsinshui, three other strategic points Peishah, Kiangyang and Kuanyuan were regained by them on June 5. The Japanese there retired to Foochow.

Chinese field dispatches state that the Japanese employed poison gas to cover their retreat from Tsinshui and Peishah.

Seven Japanese privates captured during fighting in the Min River region have been escorted to an undisclosed place in the Chinese rear.

Free French Comment On Syria Issue

LONDON, June 9 (BWS).—The common action taken yesterday morning in Syria and Lebanon by the Free French forces and British troops is commented upon in the following terms by General De Gaulle's headquarters in London.

"It is to Admiral Darlan and his policy of gradually giving away the French Empire to Germany and collaborating in a military sense, with the enemy that must be ascribed the responsibility for any fighting that may occur in Syria."

Operations began at 2 a.m. and copies of leaflets containing the proclamation by General Catroux of the Free French forces were dropped over Syria by aircraft.

TEXT OF PROCLAMATION

The proclamation by General Catroux said: "I have come to put an end to the mandatory regime and to proclaim you free and independent. You will therefore be, from henceforward, sovereign and independent peoples."

It was further stated: "Inhabitants of Syria and Lebanon, you will see from this declaration that if the Free French and British forces cross your frontier it is not to take away your liberty but it is to ensure it."

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE IN U.S. FACTORY

WHEELING (West Virginia), June 9 (Reuter).—A fire "practically destroyed" the Wheeling Machine Products Company factory which is making shell fitting.

The cause of the fire is not known.

The Sunday shift workmen fled to safety and the flames spread rapidly through the sprawling buildings. The banks of the Ohio River are also on fire.

An Inspector said that the plant is practically destroyed.

Britain And Germany At Grips In Diamond Industry

WASHINGTON.—A sharp struggle for control of the European diamond industry is going on between Britain and Germany as a result of the strong demands now being made for both rough and polished stones.

Industrial diamonds are increasingly in demand for armament manufacturing purposes, and polished stones are enjoying a strong market for American dollars, partly as a result of the desire of many Americans for investment in diamonds, according to recent information published by the Department of Commerce here.

GERMAN EFFORTS
Germany, according to the Department's information, is making an effort to reorganize the cutting and polishing industry which formerly had its centre at Antwerp and Amsterdam.

Although the bulk of diamond stocks from these centres were transferred abroad when Germany invaded the Low Countries last year, considerable stocks which were sent to France have since come into Germany's possession. Germany has formulated plans to recapture control of the industry, which was largely disrupted by war, and to return its center to Antwerp and Amsterdam, with subsidiary centres within the Reich proper. Germany is also attempting to force owners of raw materials to deliver them for processing to establishments located exclusively within German-controlled territory. At the same time, the Reich has instigated measures to prevent the migration of skilled diamond workers to other countries outside the German occupation orbit.

CHIEF MARKET
Many of these workers have already crossed the Channel and are carrying on their industry in London, which, according to the Department of Commerce statistics, is still apparently the world's chief training market.

The international diamond selling organization is at present operating in London and recently sales of Brazilian stones were resumed after an interruption of several months.

London diamond merchants have recently formed a local exchange which will facilitate trading in that city.

The chief obstacle to expansion of the industry in Britain is the limited number of skilled diamond workers in the country. It is estimated that there are only 150 polishers in England, compared with Antwerp's total of 30,000 before the invasion.

However, a new factory has recently been constructed in England and more developments are contemplated.

LABOUR STRIKES IN SHANGHAI
CHUNGKING, June 9 (Central).—There were 37 labour strikes in the International Settlement during the month of April, involving 10,577 workers, according to a Shanghai report quoting the Public Department of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The principal reason for the strikes was a demand for higher wages and improved treatment owing to the high standard of living.

POTENTIAL SHORTAGE OF QUININE OVERCOME

Nine-tenths of the world supplies of quinine come from Java and should Malayan supplies of quinine be seriously threatened by an extension of hostilities to Java this country, which is endemically malarious, would be in a very bad position indeed.

This fact is gleaned from the 1940 annual report of the Malaria Advisory Board, which describes how the Board took measures to see that Malaya should not be so circumvented, when owing to war the delivery of supplies of quinine and synthetic drugs made from quinine was interrupted.

There were three aspects to this potential shortage: that of Government hospitals and dispensaries; that of estates and mines; and that of the Army.

The Government, the Board ascertained had in stock or on indent sufficient quinine to last approximately two years at normal rates of usage, and of this quantity rather more than two-thirds was actually in the country.

RESERVE STOCK

Mines and estates drew their supplies from firms which, owing to financial considerations, did not carry much reserve stock.

The Board circulated estate and mine agency houses and advised them to build up reserve stocks, and this advice was followed.

Regarding the Army, the Board was informed on enquiry that the military authorities had sufficient

quinine to last for the time being, but that the situation was making shell fitting.

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AUSTRALIA'S SYMPATHY WITH CHINA

The Australian Government's decision to appoint a Minister to China is (says an Australian writer) another step, and an important one, in the development of Australia's relations with the leading countries of the Pacific.

It will be the more widely acclaimed because of the profound sympathy and admiration felt by Australians for the unquenchable spirit of the Chinese people in their resistance to aggression.

Old China—the China of the Emperors and of the Treaty Ports—is dead. Many may regret its passing, but the weaknesses of that regime were many, and the new China now being born is cast in a fiercer mould, while at the same time inheriting the traditional spirit of the old.

DEVELOP GREATLY
Our commerce, too, with our neighbours of East Asia and the Indies, must assuredly develop greatly in the future, for these lands are obvious markets for our products and in increasing volume.

The present storms distort the natural developments, hastening some and retarding others, but already we are becoming more acutely conscious of our Pacific neighbours and their problems. We are learning the value of having our own direct contact with such peoples instead of relying upon the general agency of London.

Official representatives of the Commonwealth are already established in the United States, Canada, and Japan. The extension of this policy to include China can but make still more noticeable the lack of Australian representation in the Netherlands Indies. (Malaya Tribune).

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NEW KEDAH RICE MILL NOW WORKING

There are three Government rice mills in Perak, two in Krian and at Teluk Anson, states the latest issue of the Malayan Agricultural Journal.

There is also a Government mill at Temerloh, Pahang. The Krian mills purchased a total of 18,262 tons of padi, all from Krian, and produced 73,258 bags of rice of 170 katis, of which 37,808 bags were white and under-milled rice, and 35,452 bags par-bolled rice.

The proportion of undermilled to ordinary white rice produced was nine bags to one bag.

The Government Rice Mill, Teluk Anson, produced 11,368 bags of white and undermilled rice, and 10,218 bags par-bolled rice. The proportion of undermilled to white rice produced was 52 to 1,140 tons.

A total of 635 tons of padi was purchased from the Sungai Manik Irrigation Area, and this might have been considerably larger had not the local price of padi increased, halfway through the harvest, to more than the price guaranteed by Government.

The Temerloh mill purchased 139 tons of padi during the year.

and including padi carried forward from 1939, produced 164 tons of white rice No. 1.

In Perak some 38 small power-driven rice mills were in operation.

Generally the padi is not purchased but milled for the growers at the rate of 1 gantang rice for every 10 gantangs padi milled, the miller in addition retaining the polishings resulting from milling.

In Kelantan the Tumpat mill remained the only one in the State. No padi was purchased locally, and the mill was engaged only on milling Government stocks of padi. In Kedah there are 93 rice mills, excluding the newly constructed Government Rice Mill which did not operate until Jan. 1941.

Of these 93 mills, most of which are power driven 23 are classed as large mills with a capacity of 80 to 800 bags of rice per 12 hours day.

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

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On Japan:—	
On demand 102	
On India:—	
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and demand 1/2 5/8	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 54 1/8	
Credits, 90 days sight 54 7/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 45 1/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 104 1/2	
On Manila:—	
On demand 46 1/4	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149 1/2	
On Sterling Note:—	
Bank Buying Rate Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. \$3 3/8	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Monday, June 9.
Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 23 3/8 for both Ready and Forward. American Silver was unquoted.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

Dull.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to August, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

No business was reported. There were sellers at 24 7/16 for near and forward, buyers at 24 1/2 for any delivery.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 452 1/2, buyers at 453. Later some business was arranged at 453 1/2. The market closed with sellers at 453 3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3 5/16 and U. S. Dollars at 5 3/8 for Spot. At the close there were sellers of Sterling at 2 19/64 and U. S. Dollars at 5 11/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to August, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers at 24 7/16 for near and forward, buyers at 24 1/2 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Closed with sellers at 453 1/2, buyers at 453 3/4 for Spot.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Closed with sellers of Sterling at 2 19/64 and U. S. Dollars at 5 11/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, June 9, (Reuters).

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot 0/3-5/16	0/3-19/64	
June 0/3-5/16	0/3-19/64	
July 0/3-5/16	0/3-19/64	

U. S. Dollars

	Spot	June	July
Spot	\$5-3/8	\$5-11/32	
June	5-3/8	5-11/32	
July	5-3/8	5-11/32	

Market:—Quiet.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.
The Equalisation rate was 24 per cent.

HONGKONG

SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Monday, June 9, 1941.

SALES

China Lights (O)	500	\$ 6.00
H.K. Tramways	200	16.20
Union Ins.	10	410.00

710

The total value is \$10,840.00.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, July	13.42	13.23	13.41	18 up
New York Rubber, July			closed	
New York Hides, Sept.			closed	
Chicago Wheat, July	10 1/4	9 7/8	10 1/4	2 1/2 up
Chicago Corn, July	7 1/4	7 3/8	7 1/4	1 up

Closing Ranges Changes
N.Y. COTTON: Notice date—25/6

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
July	13.41/41	18 up									
Oct.	13.55/55	17 up									
Dec.	13.67/67	19 up									
Jan.	13.65/65	19 up									
Mar.	13.67/67	21 up									
May	13.68/68	26 up									

Friday's Sales:—\$5,300 bales.
N.Y. RUBBER: Notice date—27/6

CLOSED
NEW YORK HIDES: CLOSING

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
July	101 1/4	2 1/2 up									
Sept.	102 1/4	2 1/2 up									

Friday's sales:—17,776,000 bushels
CHICAGO WHEAT: CLOSING

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
July	101 1/4	2 1/2 up									
Sept.	102 1/4	2 1/2 up									

Friday's sales:—17,776,000 bushels
CHICAGO CORN: CLOSING

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
July	74 1/4	1 up									
Sept.	76 1/4	1 up									

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

JUNE 8, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Adams Express	6 1/2	Johnsmanville	58
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2	Kennecott Copper	36 1/2
Allis Chalmers	28 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	27 1/2
Amer. Can.	78 1/2	Lockheed Aircraft	23 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	36 1/2	Loew's Inc.	28 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	17 1/2	Martin, Glen L. Co.	27 1/2
Amer. & Foreign P. pf.	17 1/2	Montgomery Ward	33 1/2
Amer. Locomotive Co.	12 1/2	National Aviation	8 1/2
Amer. Metals	17 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	12 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Distillers	19 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	13 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. S. & F. & B. Co.	39 1/2	National Supply Corp.	6 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	16 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	158 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	2 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	6 1/2	N. American Aviation	14
Amer. Works	4 1/2	North American Co. (New)	13
Anaconda Copper	26 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	27 1/2	Packard Motors	2 1/2
Aviation Corp.	3 1/2	Paramount Pictures	10 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive Co.	13 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	31 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	42 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	9 1/2	Pullman Inc.	27 1/2
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2	Pure Oil	9 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	7 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	34 1/2
Bills & Co. E.W. (com.)	14 1/2	Reading Company, Com	14 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	15 1/2	Remington Arms Co. Inc.	4 1/2
Borg-Warner	16 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	3 1/2
Briggs Mfg. Co.	19 1/2	Republic Steel	19
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	29 1/2
Canadian Pacific	3 1/2	Schenley Distillers	10 1/2
Celanese Corp.	21 1/2	Shell Union Oil	13 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	36	Socony-Vacuum Oil	9 1/2
Chrysler	55	Southern Pacific	11
Columbia Gas & Elec.	3 1/2	Southern Ry. 5 p. d.	22 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	2 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	30 1/2
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1 1/2	Standard Brands	5 1/2
Consolidated Edison Co.	16 1/2	Standard Gas & Elec.	4 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	38
Copperweld Steel	13 1/2	Studebaker Com.	4 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Swift International	18 1/2
Distillers Corp. (Seagrams)	13 1/2	Technicolor	18 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	64 1/2	Texas Corp.	39 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	150	Trans-America Co.	4 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	8 1/2	20th Cent. Fox Film, Com.	5 1/2
Elec. Antolite Co.	26 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	2 1/2	Union Pacific	79
Elec. Bond & Share 5 p. 54 1/2		United Aircraft	38 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 5 p. 58 1/2		United Airlines Trans.	10 1/2
Elec. Power & Light 5 p. 58 1/2		United Corp. 5 p. cum p.	22 1/2
Flintkote	12 1/2	United Gas Improvement	7 1/2
Gen. Electric	30	U.S. Rubber	21 1/2
Gen. Motors	37 1/2	U.S. Steel	55
Gen. Railway Signal	13 1/2	Vanadium	24 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	10 1/2	Vulcan Aircraft	6 1/2
Gibson (B.F.)	12 1/2	Walworth Co.	4 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	16 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	31 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	15 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	9 1/2
Great Northern Ry. p. d.	25 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	26 1/2
Great Western Sugar	24 1/2	Chase National Bank	29 1/2
Inter. Nickel	25 1/2	National City Bank	24 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	14 1/2	Libby, McNeil	
Int. Tel. & Tel. (Fon. Is.)	24 1/2		

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1940/41	June 6, 1941	High	Low	Close	Change
High	133.59	115.30	30	118.00	119.01	118.59
Low	27.76	26.84	20	27.62	27.70	27.69
Dow Jones	20.85	17.22	15	17.38	17.34	17.27
Utilities	92.18	89.58	40	90.87	90.87	90.93
Bonds	69.78	55.45	11	70.01		
Commodity Index						

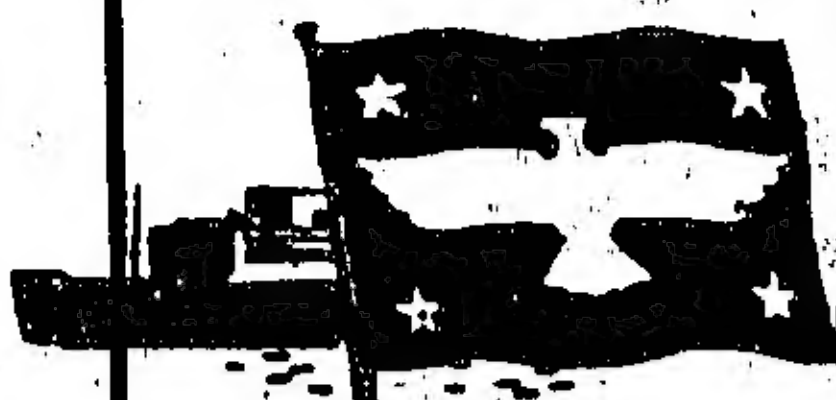
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GERMAN-RUSSIAN NEGOTIATIONS

STOCKHOLM, June 9 (Reuters).—While both London and Berlin are concerned regarding the Soviet attitude, it is considered in neutral circles that something has gone wrong with the German-Russian negotiations.

A certain sharpening in these relations seems discernable.

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R.A.F. BOMBERS TURN BENGHAZI INTO INFERNO

CAIRO, June 9 (Reuter) — Benghazi, the Libyan harbour and base occupied by Axis forces, was turned into a blazing inferno by R.A.F. bombers on Friday night for the second night in succession. Fires raging among the military buildings and in the harbour area were "stoked up" by the bombers until they could be seen 50 miles away.

LAST NIGHT'S

R.A.F. Middle East communique, which reports the raid, also refers to the attack on Derna aerodrome and Bara and to bombing and machine-gunning attacks in the Jimma area of Abyssinia. R.A.F. fighters also carried out protective patrols over shipping in the Mediterranean and one enemy aircraft was driven off by a South African fighter and forced to jettison its bombs. All R.A.F. aircraft returned safely from all operations.

DARLAN RETURNING TO PARIS

ZURICH, June 9 (Reuter) — Admiral Darlan is returning to Paris to resume conversations with Germany, according to the Geneva newspaper L'Espresso.

M. Laval reached unoccupied France yesterday, at Clermont Ferrand, near Vichy, which was reported to be his eventual destination.

His return provoked much comment.

General Weygand left Vichy and the French Colonial Regents of Africa are returning to their posts.

QUISLINGITES NOW CARRY BAYONETTES

The latest report from Oslo is that Quisling's Storm Troopers are armed with bayonettes and are being referred to by the puppet as his "political soldiers." Even so, the party organ, Free People, was forced to admit that during their parades in Larvik and Sandefjord on May 19 and 20, the Storm Troopers met with counter-demonstrations. "Respect for party members," bewailed the paper, "has not always been what it should be in these towns."

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 10 to 16 June 1941.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Days of Week	Days of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time
Tues.	10	h. m. 09 20	h. m. 02 44
		23 13	4 6 16 26
Wed.	11	10 01	7 6 33 24
		—	17 11 01
Thu.	12	00 07	4 5 04 02
		10 46	7 5 17 54
Fri.	13	00 55	4 4 04 42
		11 28	7 1 18 37
Sat.	14	01 49	4 4 05 25
		12 08	6 6 19 24
Sun.	15	02 44	4 4 06 15
		12 54	6 0 20 09
Mon.	16	03 39	4 6 07 19
		13 47	6 4 20 57

UNITED STATES' TASK IS TO WIN WAR AND PEACE

NEW YORK, May 1—Picturing America as taking up "the heavy burden of winning both the war and peace," Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, addressing 2,500 New York young Democrats here last night, declared that those who preach defeatism in this hour of world crisis are "enemies of the human soul." Peace would come, Mr. Wallace asserted, "not as a result of bowing in slavery under the yoke of Nazi terror, but as the result of freedom from Nazism and all it stands for."

"Twenty-five years ago we won the war and lost the peace because we were not ready to do our part in fighting against human sufferings and poverty," he said.

"This time... we must assume the responsibility of laying broad and deep the foundations of freedom, comradeship, good will, and mutual service, so that in the world to come there can be a permanent peace in which no nation can cause fear of aggression. Long as it may take, we shall win our freedom from the threat of Nazism and thereafter we shall build a peace that will endure."

Unity must be the national watchword to meet the issue of "Slavery or War" which Nazi aggression was forcing on the world, the Vice-President continued, and he defined the duty of patriotic American youth as the promotion of unity and production if this Nation were to offset the "hard work and enthusiasm" with which the Nazi regime had reinforced its "bluster and bluff."

LATIN-AMERICAN HOPE

Mr. Wallace saw the Latin-American nations looking to the United States to produce enormously and speedily those products that would insure peace and freedom to the Western Hemisphere and the entire world. It was a proud fact that the United States would produce 22,000 defense airplanes in 1941, as compared with its 4,500 in 1940, he said, but added that this was not enough. At the same time Mr. Wallace insisted that "the best efficiency in the long run comes from free and willing co-operation," and that the answer to labour-management disputes was not the Government "crack-down" on either side.

PATIENCE URGED

"You have heard of the delays that were caused by workers in the defense industries," he said, "and you have heard of the delays that were caused by corporations that dickered for weeks and months before they would sign a contract for defense production. You have heard demands that the Government crack down on labour and crack down on industry."

"But we in the United States believe that before we crack down on our fellow citizens we should have patience to listen to workers or manufacturers who want to be heard. There is as great patriotism in working overtime to settle a defence contract or strike as in working overtime to rivet the wing of a fighting plane."

PEOPLE'S RIGHT STRESSED

The Vice-President stressed, however, that it was the right of the people in the emergency "to demand sincere and earnest effort from both labour and management to settle all differences among themselves with promptness and good will."

State and national Democratic leadership was represented at the dinner, which marked the twenty-sixth anniversary of the New York

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OVERSEAS CHINESE FEDERATION

SHIUKWAN, June 9 (Central) — A Kwangtung Returned Overseas Chinese Federation is being organised here. Its purpose is to maintain closer contact between the overseas Chinese who have returned to their fatherland and those still abroad and also to work for the general welfare of all overseas Chinese.

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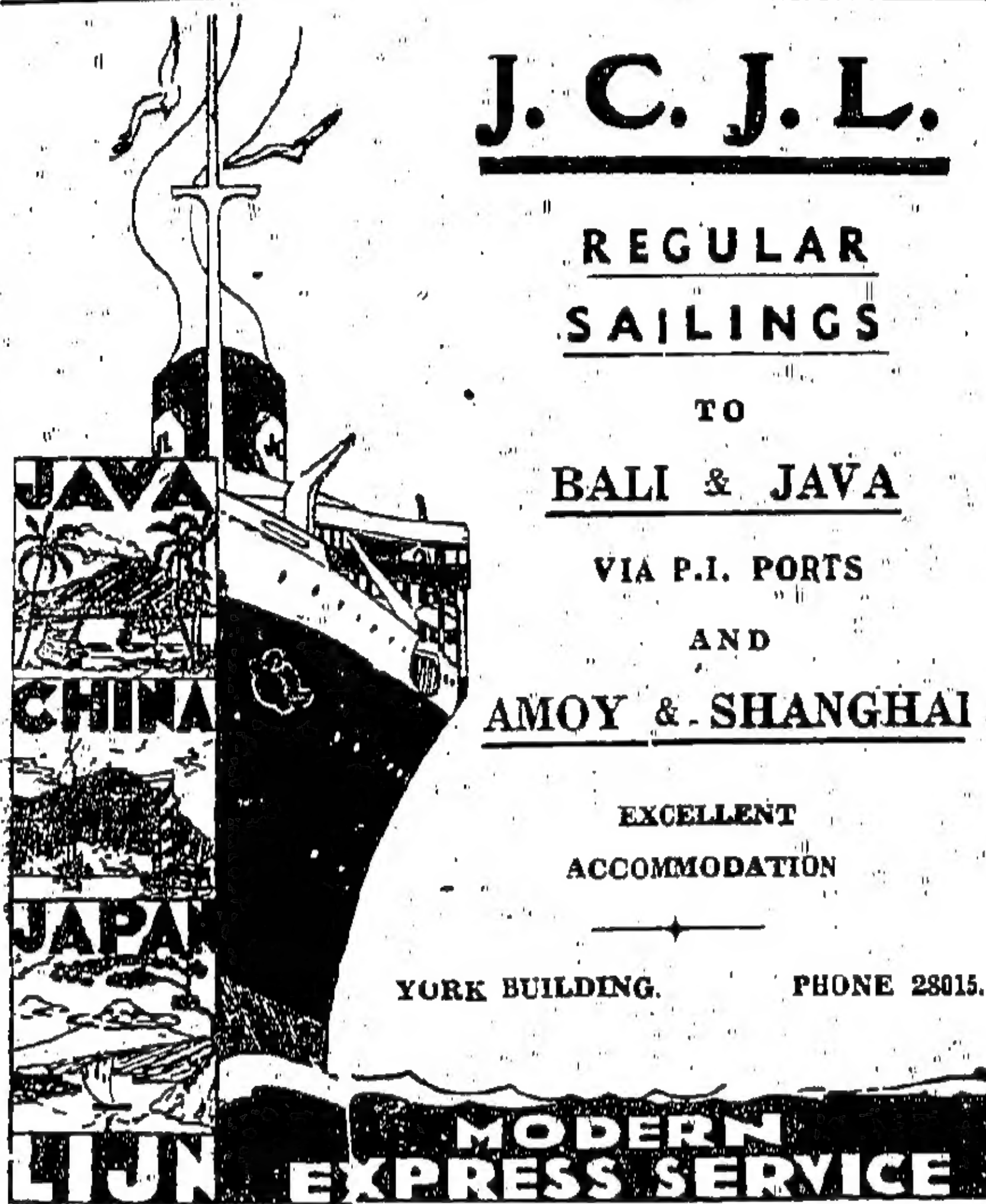
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The Prince arrived yesterday in Canada from England on a visit to his wife and their two daughters.

VICHY DENUNCIATION OF BRITISH ACTION IN SYRIA

VICHY, June 9 (Reuter) — Marshal Petain, in a message to the French people in Syria, said the attack was "as at Dakar by Frenchmen serving under the dissident flag."

"Supported by British Imperial Forces," the message continued, "they are not hesitating to spill the blood of their brothers defending the unity of the Empire and French sovereignty."

"Painful as is the event France, faithful to her word, can proudly declare that she did not take the initiative in striking the blow against her former Ally either today or previously at Mere El Kebir, Dakar or Sfax. Guile went before the force."

Refuting the allegation that the Germans were landing large numbers of troops in French Levant ports and that France was preparing to hand over French Colonial territory to the Germans, Marshal Petain said a few aeroplanes which had landed temporarily "in our territory" has now left Syria with the exception of three or four which are not airworthy.

UNJUST AGGRESSION!

"You know that there is not a single German soldier either in Syria or Lebanon," continued the aged Marshal.

"You are therefore the objects of the most unjust act of aggression which revolts us. Today for the first time French sovereignty in Levant is threatened."

"Fight for the just cause and for the integrity of territory entrusted to France by history. You will know how to defend it."

VICHY COMMUNIQUE

Denunciation of the British action is contained in a Vichy communique which described it as the British plan to profit by France's defeat and "to seize her Empire."

The communique, which is virtually a repetition of Marshal Petain's message, says that French Government circles are watching the situation and its development calmly and coolly.

EXTREMELY TENSE

ZURICH, June 9 (Reuter) — The entry of British and French troops into Syria caused "consternation and indignation" in po-

litical circles in Vichy, telegraphs the correspondent of Neue Zuercher Zeitung.

The correspondent adds that Vichy considers the situation extremely tense and suggested that events in Syria may have "unexpected consequences" on Franco-British relations.

The same paper, in an editorial, says the probable explanation why General Weygand refused to go to Syria is that he opposed any action against General De Gaulle's forces, holding that such action will lead France towards war with Britain.

CLOSER CO-OPERATION

The Zurich newspaper Die Welt reports from Berlin that it is believed there the British action will bring France to closer relations with Germany and adds: "France is expected now to enter into closest military and diplomatic relations with Germany regardless of the opinion of Great Britain and the United States."

BERLIN PRESENTS A PERFECT TARGET

BY BASIL CARDEW

(In the Daily Express)

The Nazis screamed that R.A.F. fire bombs had been dropped on the diplomatic quarter of Berlin.

If they did they fell in the centre of a mile-long rectangle in the heart of the city that is one of the world's greatest bombing targets.

The rectangle is tipped at one end by two main railway stations and at the other by a third of Berlin's main railway terminal.

They may have been the high-class military objectives, spot targets of the R.A.F. bombers, but between them, huddled together as in no other country in the world, are twenty-five first-class military objectives.

For the squeamish let me say this is the wealthy quarter of Berlin. If more British bombs drop here there will be no poor men's houses hit, no women and children torn from homes they cannot afford to replace.

At the south end of this bomb spot are the Potsdamer and Anhalter stations, which take the place for Berliners of our St. Pancras and King's Cross.

In the north the broad Friedrich Station stands as it stood before the war, without a bomb mark or even a scald from an incendiary. It is Berlin's Victoria or Waterloo. And all three stations have large, rambling marshalling yards.

But the meaty bits are in the centre. Goering directed what the Nazis called "the heaviest raid the Luftwaffe made in the war"—on London—from his air palace in this quarter. His Air Ministry spreads for a quarter of a mile—for remember that Goering thought and said when he built his edifice that R.A.F. bombs would never fall on Berlin.

Here, too, are Hitler's Chancellery, Admiral Raeder's Admiralty annex, Ribbentrop's Foreign Office, von Kettel's War Office annex, and a score of lesser State buildings that form the core of the Nazi war machine.

The point about this rectangle is that so many Government buildings are so close to so many railway stations which set the pace for Berlin's civilian life.

And if the R.A.F. bombs were not so accurate they might, fall, incidentally (still in the rec-

STARTERS AND JOCKEYS FOR DERBY

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—The following are the Derby probable starters and jockeys:—

Mister Sawyer (Gomes), Royal Academy (Carey), Guerdley (Jones), Mazarin (Bartlam), Devonian (Perryman), Selim Hassan (Beary), Sollum (Cliff Richards), Valdavian (Herbert), Starwort (Taylor), Firozedin (Lowrey), Anaton (A. Wragg), Morogoro (Harry Wragg), Owen Tudor (S. Wragg), Suncastle (Jenney), Orthodox (D. Smith), Sun Ray (Mullins), Ptolemy (E. Smith), Camperdown (Bridgland), Lambert Simnel (Elliott), Fairy Prince (Lane).

Single Court, Fettes, Thoroughfare, Chateau Larose and Sunny Island have no jockeys.

BELMONT STAKES

BELMONT PARK, New York, June 9 (Reuter)—Mr. Warren Wright's Whirl Away won the Belmont Stakes to become the fifth American horse to score a treble of the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes.

CRAIG WOOD WINS

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, June 9 (Reuter)—Craig Wood won the American Open Golf Championship by scores of 73, 71, 70 and 70, aggregate 284, beating Densmore Shute (287), Johnny Bulla and Ben Hogan were equal third with 289.

The marriage is announced between 2nd/Lt. William Elliott Grievé, Indian Cavalry, youngest son of the late Mr. Robert Grievé and Mrs. Robert Grievé, Welgate, St. Boswells, Scotland, and Peggy, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bridger, 20 Pine Walk, Surbiton, Surrey, and late of Hongkong. The wedding took place in Bombay at the end of May.

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—Two of Germany's latest type of Messerschmitt fighter—the ME-109F—were shot down, apparently by a single Spitfire, during an offensive sweep over the Channel this afternoon.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 10th JUNE, 1941.

GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Thursday, 12th June, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays, one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The usual weekly Air Mail to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways" will until further notice be closed on Mondays instead of Fridays.

An experimental service providing sea transit to U.S.A. and air transit from U.S.A. to Lisbon and United Kingdom has been instituted. The inclusive postage rate is H. K. \$2.00 per 1/2 oz. for letters and H. K. \$1.00 each for postcards. Correspondence for this service should bear the usual blue air mail label with the superscription "By sea to U.S.A."

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—

Yunnan
Szechuen
Kweichow
Hunan
Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsung)
Kwangsi
North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

From	Due
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco date, 10th June,	17th June
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" — San Francisco date, 24th June,	1st July

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

For	Date and Time
MONDAY	Mon. 16th June K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways,"	K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 17th June K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 1st July K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM

TOKYO, June 9 (Reuter)—General Kenji, Dolhara, a member of the Supreme War Council, has been appointed Inspector-General of the Army and Air Force, concurrently replacing Lieutenant-General Hobun Yamashita who have been appointed Supreme War Councilor. It is announced by the War Office.

LONDON, June 9 (Reuter)—Trains to the number of 163, among them six non-stop trains and 12 express trains, have been suspended from service in the Rumanian railway system since yesterday, states a Bucharest report quoted by the Ankara Radio. The reason given is that preference is to be given to commodities of first class importance.

tangle), on the Adlon and the Kaiserhof hotels, where Hitler's war lords usually put up for the night. Bomb-simmers, slightly off the mark but still in the hot spot, might also hit the underground stations and perhaps the Brandenburg Tor, which is the Nazi capital's Hyde Park Gate, or the war museums and the night clubs where Hitler's military chiefs relax from plundering neutrals.

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Singapore Directs War On Disease

"The Singapore Health Fortress has been fighting this international battle against disease for the past 16 years, and its work is a demonstration of the possibilities and value of international co-operation in health and the international war against disease," declared Dr. S. Dakshinamurti, acting director, Eastern Bureau of the League of Nations Health Organisation, Singapore, in a talk on "War Against Disease" to Singapore Rotarians at the Rotary Club's weekly luncheon.

"Just as wars have become rapid with mechanisation, the spread of disease has increased considerably with improved facilities of travel," Dr. Dakshinamurti said, "referring to the necessity of co-operation among the nations to prevent the spread of disease from one country to another."

"People have realised long ago that the health of one country depends to some extent on the health of its neighbours."

"International co-operation in health matters is now about a century old, the first international sanitary conference met at Rome in 1851, and later on several times such conferences drew up conventions, the international sanitary conventions with the idea of securing uniform methods of control of the spread of infectious diseases between countries."

ON SEVERAL FRONTS

"International wars against disease are waged on several fronts—in the air, sea and land. "Constant vigilance must be kept on all routes going in and out of a country, and this is the aim of all health regulations at ports, to be effective at the same time give the least annoyance to normal trade and travel."

"In this battle against disease, Singapore has been since 1925 the health-hub of a hemisphere that embraces Egypt on the west, Australia to the south, Vladivostok to the north, and Hawaii to the east."

"Within this hemisphere are peoples of continents, nations, islands, all of whom have the same common urge to survive and keep healthy."

"This urge is the welding material that joins a billion people in a solid front in their battle against disease, and Singapore is the centre of this health strategy and technique."

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